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IDALINE COTTON.

THE MATINEE GIRL.



Some one should send Dixey a rabbit's foot. I don't know, though, if even a rabbit's foot would be sufficient to counteract a Philadelphia hoodoo.

It's the very worst kind, and heads the list. Whenever I have to go to Philadelphia I say incantations all the way there on the train.

A friend of mine going to the convention that was held there a few months ago met me on his way to the train.

"I'm off for Philadelphia," he said.

"Well, keep your fingers crossed all the time you are there," I warned him.

Next day I received a telegram: "Hotel elevator fell five stories. I was in it. Am able to sit up. Don't worry."

If you have never had anything happen to you in Philadelphia you are living a charmed life. There is a fiendish ingenuity about the Boss Hoodoo who presides over the town.

Stop there on your wedding tour and they give you a room over a dynamo, or the hotel catches fire, or something.

But having read of Dixey's hit as Francois, I rejoiced and was planning a large theatre party of Matinee Girls, each of us to throw him violets, just as though we did it impulsively, carried away by his wonderful acting.

Then I saw his picture in *Monsey's* and it jarred me somewhat, for after an actor has his picture in *Monsey's* he gets proud and tries to live up to it, and I feared he might spurn our violets and want orchids.

Next thing it was all over, like the election, and we have nothing to remind us that it ever happened but the photographs. That's because it happened to happen in Philadelphia.

Make a hit in New York and the play is on for five hundred nights; but then in Philadelphia a week is like a lifetime.

How Mr. Gibson's series of Pipp pictures can be put on the stage except as tableaux is difficult to understand.

It is too bad that we are so hideously inartistic as to overdo even our good things. Those wonderfully clever and up-to-date sketches are perfect in their present form, and their suggestion is their chief charm.

To take creations of this sort, already actual personalities in the imaginations of their admirers, and "dramatize" them and make them act and talk stupidly, as they probably will be made to do, is to cheapen them in every way.

One might as well try to dramatize a set of Beardsley posters. When we get the Pipp talking Harry B. Smith libretto language we will have the sort of play, or opera, or whatever it is going to be, we will weep for something we have gained.

What is left out of most of the Pipp pictures is the most striking feature of the series. The artist failed to crowd his ideas with too much bric-a-brac, and the result is simplicity—the acme of every kind of art.

Something must take the place of this present virulent epidemic of dramatization. Perhaps the unexpected will happen and our playwrights will actually begin to write original plays. Arizona and Nell Gwynn are striking evidences that the public is anxious for something besides rehearsed novels.

It certainly is a warmed-over season theatrically, and when we get to taking our plays out of frames and setting them to music it is about the limit.

I can recollect hearing Christie MacDonald sing a little song about a year ago in a burlesque production, "The Boy I Love," and she did it so gracefully and prettily and sweetly that I gushed about it for days.

She had no bravura methods in her singing or her manner, and failed to assert herself even sufficiently. It is delightful to think that she has come to the surface so splendidly as in Hodge Podge and Company.

Some critic, writing of her performance the other day, said she was like a "spray of mignonette." That's a very pretty thing for a critic to say of an actress, for they are not given to presenting floral tributes to a rule.

But that this little lady is an artist is an undoubted fact. Her rendering of the roster song is as far above that of the imported English singer that came over to teach us how to sing those melodies as can be imagined.

It is a charming and natural piece of work, and harked back to the audience in the audience left "very round the bushes" as she sang bravely the story of the fellow who "didn't know his own mind."

It is quite a novelty to hear a woman sing in such an understandable way, and, as a matter of fact, it is interesting when understood. As a matter of fact, the literature of our songs is of the most of them is deplorably bad.

That, perhaps, is why so many of our leading songwriters do not take the trouble to articulate. We have learned to capitulate, and English songs that we know nothing of except the name, and that we catch the drift of, are a word here and there in the chorus.

De Walt Hopper sings "Beautiful Arizona" in the burlesque of the play so eloquently and artistically that it is a pleasure to listen to the lines as well as the music.

He has the power of singing clearly, which is a rare quality, and he sings carefully, and he sings in such a way that he does so to

the various young women who sang leading roles in the various operas in which he starred.

Della Fox sang "The Summer's Night" in Wang as she never sang any song before or since. Every word and note and gesture was deliberate and delightfully delivered.

If the words of our songs told more of a story it might impel the singers to let us know what it is all about. Certainly it would interest the public more than the pantomimic utterances of the "Merry, merry," and even of the stars.

I hope when May Irwin orders a new play from her outfit that there won't be one "coon" song in it. Not that she does not sing them better than any one else on earth, but because they are played out, done to death, and all the humor of them is too much broadened, flattened out, and spread over everything theatrical.

An idea that is used up is not good enough for May Irwin's art, and if there is one item that should be added to the dramatic litany it is that we be delivered from any more coon songs and cuke-walks even by our artists.

All these queer songs give a distorted, highly exaggerated caricature of the fine, poetic humor that is in the dark character. Harri-gan's negroes were real and funny without any unnecessary wabbling of the hips or rolling of the eyes.

I can't believe it possible that the American theatre-going public likes this thing of having humor or pathos fairly battered into their intelligences. We are at least fairly educated and cultured as a class. We know a good thing when we see it without the aid of bricks.

And the coon song as it is being done nowadays gives us our humor with a sandbag. There is too much of it, and it's too loud.

Long ago the Matinee Girl discovered that the best way to listen to this kind of music is from a Hungarian band. When you get the gypsy spirit and the dark temperament in a combination it is weird and mysterious. You can't understand it, but it never bores you, at least.

About a week ago I was genuinely surprised, being taken for dinner to a restaurant that is fixed up in imitation of a Southern home. It was perfectly delightful.

But at all events there were great wood fires on hearths, and a real Southern dinner with waffles and fritters and chicken and all sorts of things cooked by a genuine Southern cook, who came in smiling under her bandanna to hear her praises sounded.

Just as we were beginning to enjoy ourselves the musicians arrived. They were genuine Southerners, too (from South Seventh Avenue), and they began to howl those songs about babies and chickens and razors into our ears.

Oh, we had such a lovely time! It was so Southern—I guess not. Here was another good thing gone wrong. Everything tasted like dead sea fruit after that.

I feel cross to-day, and if an angel came down and twanged his lyre I'd pay him to move on to the next block. If he played ragtime I'd kill him.

This is the day last week when the wind howled and clothes lines blew with sullen fury. It will be next week when you read this, so that is why I write in this meter.

But there are days when it would be lovely to sleep right through until the sun came out again. When the sun doesn't shine something within me chills. It must be marrow! Have you ever felt your marrow chill, dear reader?

Sometimes I pull down all the shades and light the gas and make believe it's night. If I had to choose between a life of gas-lit nights and a life of sunless days, I'd take the nights without another guess. The dogs could have all the days. That's all days without the sun are good for.

I am a great believer in the sun. Those people who worshiped it knew a thing or two. The Parsees believed that they got all their life and intelligence and strength from the sun. On a day like this I feel like a Parsee.

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DONELLI'S CURIOUS DILEMMA.

William Donelli, starring in *An American Gentleman*, found himself in a peculiar predicament in Lowell, Mass., recently. At the climax of the third act it becomes necessary to bind Mr. Donelli with chains attached to the regulation police handcuffs. He breaks the chains by force, out the handcuffs remain on his wrists to be unlocked after the curtain falls. Upon this particular occasion the key was mislaid and all efforts to open the cuffs were futile. The three house officers were hurriedly called to the stage, but their keys would not fit. Time was growing short, and so in desperation Mr. Donelli attached strings to the handcuffs, pulled them up on his forearms, donned his dress suit and proceeded with his part. After the performance he was escorted to police headquarters, where one of the night detail speedily released him. One of our police supply establishments was surprised last week to receive an order from *An American Gentleman* company for a supply of handcuff keys, pattern B. E. & B. 44, but this article will explain their possible necessity.

BENEFIT FOR THOMAS OBERLE.

A special performance of Arizona will be given on Thursday afternoon at the Herald Square Theatre for the benefit of Thomas Oberle, whose failing health has compelled him to announce his retirement from the stage. Mr. Oberle, after years of admirable, conscientious work in a long line of fine character impersonations, has been stricken by consumption, and physicians have declared that the only hope of prolonging his life rests in the balmy climate of Southern California, whither he will depart in a little while. At the benefit Mr. Oberle will be seen in his role of Sergeant Keller in Arizona, and many prominent folk will appear as ranchmen, cowboys and soldiers, among the volunteers being Augustus Thomas, De Walt Hopper, John Drew, Cyril Scott, Frank Worthing, Bigley Bell, Louprier, Fringle, Kirke La Shelle, Sam S. Shubert, Arthur Byron, Ernest Hastings, Edwin Arden, E. J. Morgan, William Courtleigh, Robert Edison, and Sam Reed.

THE GRAVE OF NESTAYER.

When Remember the Maine played Ottawa recently a visit was made to Beechwood Cemetery, where is located the grave of Charles H. Nestayer, who died last January in that city while playing General Lee with the same company. The grave was found unmarked save by a single stone. Before the company left the place a collection was made for a gravestone and it was arranged to have the grave sodded and looked after for a year. The contributors to the fund were Beatrice Thorne, Myrtle Esmond, Edith Louder, Emily Gale, A. Z. Chipman, Clarence Holmes, Herbert Denton, Grant Foreman, W. F. Mann, H. B. Morgan, Anson Varney, Robert Irving, Low Hopkins, Eugene Morris, and Phillip Risser.

THE PAN-AMERICAN MIDWAY.

When the great Pan-American Exposition shall open on May 1 in Buffalo, there will be a "Mile of Midway," occupying a most prominent quarter of the grounds. The cost will be about \$2,000,000, nearly one-third of the gross amount to be expended upon all the rest of the buildings and grounds of the exposition, and more than the total cost of some former expositions.

Director of Concessions Frederic W. Taylor reached the conclusion several months ago that the twenty-one-acre plot set aside for amusement features was too small to accommodate the many attractions seeking locations. Fifteen hundred applications for amusement privileges were received. Fifty of the number were approved as being worthy of admittance. The others were rejected. The applicants who had filed them were given to understand that their requests had been vetoed because the attractions offered by them had been found wanting when measured by the exacting standard adopted by the concessions department. Profiting by experience with previous expositions, Director Taylor determined to obtain a high grade midway, admitting no attractions unless its promoters were prepared to furnish satisfactory assurance of ability to provide a feature superior to anything of a similar nature previously attempted and possessing individual excellence distinguishing it from the other midway attractions of which the same requirements were exacted.

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COMP OF THE TOWN.



The above is an excellent likeness of Elmer Buffham as Rudolph Rassendyll in Ernest and Fred Shipman's production of *The Prisoner of Zenda*, now touring Canada and the Eastern States. Mr. Buffham is a magnetic actor and shows a notable versatility in the dual role of Rudolph Rassendyll and Rudolph V. Critics and the public have been unanimous in his praise. So pronounced has been the hit he has made that the Shipman Brothers have signed Mr. Buffham for next season.

Mildred Chaire successfully appeared in Jeanette Engard's role with the Rogers Brothers in Central Park at the Victoria on Wednesday.

Edouardo Alvarez and Salvatore Andreatta, members of the Maurice Grau opera company, arrived in New York from Europe on *La Touraine* last Monday, and on Tuesday departed for Los Angeles, Cal., to join the organization.

Word comes from the West of excellent work by Effie Hext, leading lady of the Clayton Stock company, in the exciting roles of Portia, Roxane, Ephelia, and Ada Ingot. Miss Hext toured last year in legitimate drama throughout the Eastern States with marked success, and is making an enviable reputation for the excellence of her Shakespearean work. It is said that she will be featured next season as Rosalind in an elaborate production of *As You Like It*.

Reinold Reed, who recently underwent a surgical operation at St. Luke's Hospital, in this city, has decided not to attempt to play again this season, and has disbanded his company.

Lillian Bayer, leading lady of the Aubrey Stock company (Southern), was the guest of honor at a supper given by Judge Hicks at Shoreport, La., during her engagement in that city. Toasts and speeches were made by Judge Hicks, Dr. Hicks, R. Wells, and Mr. Pooley. Among others present were Victor Morley, I. M. Mittenhal, and A. J. Edwards.

Madame Elsie de Tournay underwent an operation on Nov. 4 at St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Paul, Minn. The opening of her tour, announced for Nov. 7, has been deferred, probably until Jan. 1.

Mabel Pierson made her first appearance as a prima donna with The Bostonians in Boston on Oct. 21 and made a distinct success as Tivoli in *The Victory*. She will alternate with Hilda Clark in the prima donna roles this season.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Taft (Bossie Lynch) in Chicago, on Oct. 29. Mrs. Taft is a sister of Nellie Lynch.

Manager L. Beecher Roman, of Athena Hall, Port Jefferson, N. Y., has organized a circuit of six theatres in Long Island including, beside his own house, the Huntington Opera House; Union Hall, Northport; the Lyceum, Patchogue; the Bayshore Opera House, and the Sayville Opera House. The object is to assure a week on Long Island to attractions that may visit that part of the world.

Lillian Harper has resigned from The Angel of the Alley and has returned to town.

J. C. Walsh, musical director with *A Night in Chinatown*, has composed special music for the play. Dot Karroll, who joined recently, has made a hit as the tough girl.

Alfred Mayo, assistant agent for Hope Booth in *War on Woman*, climbed nearly one hundred and twenty-five feet up the Steedman monument flagpole, at Toledo, on Nov. 2, and tacked on an advertisement for the play.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Girard (Jessie Gardner) were entertained by Manager Harry Wyatt, of the Los Angeles Theatre, at his ranch in South Pasadena. Among other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morrison (Florence Roberts), Manager Pollock, of the Orpheum, and Mrs. Colonel Northam. There was also Master Tommy, a genial simian, who immediately made friends with Eddie Girard to the delight of the company. The resemblance between them being so great, Manager Wyatt took several snapshots of Eddie and Tommy.

Broadhurst Brothers' The House That Jack Built company will close temporarily on Nov. 17, to reopen at the Madison Square Theatre, New York, on Dec. 24. The lay-off is caused by changes in the bookings at the Madison Square and the impossibility of securing suitable time for The House That Jack Built between the end of its Chicago season and its opening here.

The Castle Square Opera company was incorporated, Nov. 1, at Dover, Del., with a capital of \$25,000.

Prof. P. H. A. Roy, with Madame Roy and their daughter, Bertha, the child pianist, are guests of Mrs. A. A. Roberts at her residence in this city.

Edell Williams had his picture on the menu card of the Russell House, Detroit, on Oct. 29. No doubt he associated with the excellent meal that was also on the card.

The Gorman Brothers' comedy, *Two Jolly Companions*, closed after a tour of five weeks at London, Ont., on Saturday night, the members returning to New York. Bad business through the Canadian provinces is the cause.

The Rev. George W. Shinn, one of the Massachusetts chaplains of the A. C. A., delivered a forcible and scholarly address at Louisville, Ky., on Oct. 28. He took for his text the very appropriate words: "For they have refreshed by spirit and soul, therefore acknowledge them."

co. 14. An American Gentleman 15. The Soldier's
Queen 16. The Commander 17. Nell Burgess 2).

(win, manager): A Tin Soldier
led by political demonstration

Daniel E. Flynn co.-opened for five nights to large business & bachelors. Repertoire: The Three Musketeers or Helen the Contractor, The Crucifix, The Fatal Web of Love, The Slave of the Orient, The Patriotic Troubadour & good business, satisfactory performance.

WYOMING - MIAMI HALL, (William J. Bright) manager; Herman Hurts chd. 39; good house, good performance fair. Thomas E. Shea 5-6; crowded houses, good performances. Repertoire: The Man-o-War! Man, The Slaves of Sin, Dr. Jeckill and Mr. Hyde, The Value of a Friend, and Sidney Carton. King Dramatic co., 32-47.

FOUR GIGS TO SEE. — COLLINGWOOD OPERA HOUSE: E. E. Sweet, manager; Peck's Bad Boy 3; Eli Henry's Minstrels 6; Wills Brothers' co. 8-10; When We Were Twenty-one returns 12; U. T. C. 13; Kallenborn String Quartette 14; The County Fair 17; Schiller Stock co. 19-21; The Germans 27. A Hot One Time 29.

CREEPS FALLS.—EMPIRE THEATRE (J. A. Holden, manager): Delmore and Wilson in "My Aunt's Nephew." Good business. Remember th

MAINE. The Commander 12.—**OPERA HOUSE** (Smith and Preston, managers): The Wooing of Mrs. Van Court canceled on account of the illness of their leading

Woman. The Hank Pawkins Comedy Co. failed to please a good house 6. The Irish Pawnbrokers 1. German Brothers B. A Lucky Com 25. Hungarian Gypsy Band 2.

OSWATA.—NEW THEATRE (F. W. Lloyd, manager): J. E. Toole co. closed a week's engagement to light business, owing largely to political meetings.

JOHNSTON'S. GRAND OPERA HOUSE (A. I. Cowell, manager): Stetson's U. T. C. 1, S. R. O. good performance. Human Hearts 5, large business pleased audience. A Ride for Life 12 The Irish

ELMWOOD.—LYCEUM THEATRE (M. Reis, manager): The Ron Ton Stock co., 5-S in repertoire, including *The Waifs of New York*, *The Princess of Patches*.

STREET THEATRE (Dixie and Anhalt, managers) Will open 12.

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ment. Chicago Marine Band 6; large house, good
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Cott 16. Billman co. 1924.

2. large house, Catherine Countess, Kate Campbell, H. H. Norton, and J. W. Dean were especially pleasing. John Griffith in Spartacus 5; good business. M. Griffith and J. F. Palmer were excellent. A Luck Conn 12.

settlement, managers; Brooke's Chicago Marine Band 2; K. O.; fine performance. The Wooing of Mrs. Van Cott failed 3, having canceled. Drummond Minstrels 6; large house. The Irish Fawnbroker 7. Human Hearts 12. The Germans 15 canceled. The Commander 19.

NEW PLAY.—**RICHARDSON THEATRE** (J. I. Haslacher, manager); Through the Breakers 6-7; 3 pleased light house. The Heart of Maryland drew large house 3. Marks Brothers 5-10. Reaping the Whirlwind 12. The Tyranny of Fears 14. The Christian 16.

NEWBRIGHT.—ACADEMY OF MUSIC (F. W. Taylor, manager); Marie Dressler in *Miss Prim* enthusiastically received by large audience; play handsomely staged and given by an excellent co. 11. *The Tyranny of Tears* 9. H. Henry's Minstrels 10. The County Fair 19.

SAN FRANCISCO.—HOTEL OPERA HOUSE Charles Stevens, manager: A Romance of Cook Hollow a good performance; S. R. O. Thomas Jefferson 1; Rip Van Winkle 7; excellent performance, fair house. The Village Postmaster 9. Forty-eighth Highlander Band 11. The Christian 17.

CORONET, OTTER HOUSE H. J. Sternberg, manager; Thomas Jefferson pleased fair house in R. Van Winkle 1. The Irish Pawnbroker 3. matinee an evening; good business; fair performance. The Gamblers 19. Human Hearts 15. The Last First 17. B. Fitzsimmons 21.

OPERA HOUSE E. T. Baker, manager; Uch. Josh Spruceby 1, splendid performance; good business. Mozart Symphony Club 2, fine concert; poor business. Thomas Jefferson in Rip Van Winkle 3; splendid performance, fair business. The Village Postmaster 7.

WATKINS, CASINO THEATRE (Cont. C. 6)
 Hathaway, manager; Sun's Mischief Oct. 31; 200
 audience pleased; other People's Money delighted
 fair audience 2. The Tyranny of Tears 8. My Aunt
 Nephew 12.

LYONS, MEMORIAL THEATRE (Cont. C. 6)

TROVATIENCO. UNION OPERA HOUSE & W. Barry, managers. Remember the Maine 7; good business; enthusiastic performance.

12.14. A Romance of Coon Hollow 19. The Irish Pawnbrokers 22. A Mysterious Woman 30.

WATERBURY. CITY OPERA HOUSE G. M. Waters, manager; The Wonders of Melody, 10 to 12 o'clock.

PLATTEN HORN THEATRE. M. H. Farrell, manager; Kennedy Players to good business Oct. 29. The Commander D. Vogel and Downing's Minstrels E. Oct. 30. 15.

PORT JERVIS, GRAND OPERA HOUSE (W)
Ham A. Knell, manager; Willis Brothers' co, 12 E
Broadway, N.Y. 10002.

MINNA. BENT'S OPERA HOUSE Cooper and Hood, managers; Rin Van Winkle 19, Peppy's Jubilee 16, Human Hearts 21.

MINNEAPOLIS. MASONIC THEATRE E. H. Munson, manager; The Commander 2 cancelled on no

GREEN, OPERA HOUSE of H. Havens, manager; Uncle Josh Spruceby 6 played to a large and thrillsome house; specialties good. Black Patrol Troubadours pleased a large house 7. John Griffith 8.

GRAND, CITIZENS' OPERA HOUSE Harr-
Tow. managers: John Griffith in Faust 2. pleased
crowded house. Galbreath Stock co. 15 17

STUCCO A. LYNN (M. M. Gerstlitz, manager)
A Young Wife pleased a fair house. I. Louis Mann
and Clara Lennan, 15.

ROBINSON, GEORGE, manager, The Black Diamond Express 12
STUBBLE, ORRISON, ACADEMY OF MUSIC
 St. George Peattie, manager, Stetson's L. T. C. 14
ROBERT T. LISCOMB, OPERA HOUSE 16
 Liscomb, manager, Dick.

WHEELS. BALDWIN'S THEATRE 10
Rathbone, manager; John Griffin 9.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Plummer, manager; Jones and his Band 7 to large audience; a sword concert, the first ever held here—was given 4 and in spite of the objections of the clergy

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THE FOREIGN STAGE.

LONDON.

Mr. and Mrs. Deventry's Offensive and Dull—
See Bohm Tree's Herod.

(Special Correspondence of The Mirror.)

LONDON, Oct. 27.

It is a humiliating thing for so enthusiastic a critic and playgoer as yours truly to have to confess that I am in duty bound to reluctantly inform you that the English stage has this week been still further degraded by the production of a play that is even worse in a moral sense than any of the scoundrelly and vulgarly pornographic plays which we have had of late.

The play in question is Mr. and Mrs. Deventry, alleged to have been written by Frank Harris, a well-known London journalist, and produced by Mrs. Patrick Campbell at the Royalty on Thursdays. I say alleged because it has for some days been reported and even printed that this precious work was originally penned by Oscar Wilde, and that Harris only wrote it up. I do not profess to give any opinion as to the rights and wrongs of this matter, which will I hear, be fought out in the law courts, with Kate Ellery claiming the play. I only know that if our so-called play censor is to be allowed to go on licensing plays of this sort our stage will soon be in a parlous state, indeed.

Mr. and Mrs. Deventry is, not to put too fine a point upon it, a play of undisguised adultery, and double adultery at that. So much so that, as the *Daily Telegraph* says in a really powerful article, it should have been called *The Adulterers* and have done with it. Mrs. Deventry has a husband who is envying on an intrigue with a shameless hussy, whom he presently brings into his wife's boudoir, and starts sobbing over her in the half-dark. His wife happens to be in the room and turns up the lights upon them just as the hussy's husband comes banging at the room door in search of her. The ill-used wife shields them by a convenient lie. By way of recompense, however, she goes off with a tame lover who has been hanging around, and they settle down at Monte Carlo. Her now enraged and distracted husband follows her there and is about to use violence toward her when she tells him that she is in that state in which—bust! laugh! Why describe this shameless play any further? I feel constrained to say in the words of Avon's bard, "Bring me an ounce of claret, good apothecary, to sweeten my imagination."

I am glad to say that the audience for the most part roundly denounced the play and gave Mrs. "Pat" a piece of their mind, when she came on to respond for the author. This, together with the fact that the play is deadly dull, and that it has been unanimously condemned by the press, will perhaps cause it to be swept from the boards forthwith. Mrs. "Pat" has put on some strange plays in her time, but this beats all. I think that I must really take a mind-specialist up to see Play Licensor Redford.

If this sort of thing is to continue we had better at once go back to the unadulterated play-film of the late unlamented William Wycherley, William Congreve, "Glorious" John Dryden, and Sir John Vanbrugh.

Speaking of "near-the-knuckle" plays, you will soon see *The Gay Lord Ques*, which I still think Flinno intended to have a moral effect, although, alas, many audiences seem to take it quite the other way. John Hare is about to embark for your shores with this play in his trunk. Irene Vanbrugh, who accompanies Hare to play her original character of Sophie, the manicurist, had on Thursday to consume a farewell supper given for her at the new Carlton Hotel, next door to Her Majesty's, by sister Violet and brother-in-law Arthur Boucher. Several gilt-edged folk joined in the meal, including Lord and Lady Jeanie (of legal fame, as reporters say), Viscount Beaumont (descended from the famous Boyle, who was described on his tombstone as "Father of Chemistry and brother to the Earl of Cork"), and Lord Rosslyn (soldier, scribbler and actor), who is at the present moment having a violent newspaper row with that clever but very self-advertising youth, Winston Spencer Churchill, who has just been made an M. P. There were also present a society German named Max Hecht (a wealthy but kindly theatre-backer who weighed in with a long toast in verse), and Charles Wyndham and Mary Moore. By the way, Mary is I understand about to quit Wyndham's company. Mary, who, you may remember, came into money some time ago, has, I may tell you, a quarter share in Wyndham's new theatre.

Nyles McCarthy, known on the road in your States, has arrived in London with intent to produce here or in the provinces his plays, *Dear Hearts of Ireland*, *A Teller of Fate*, *A Dog and Other Things*, etc. His wife, Beatrice Robison, will act with him.

Irving successfully started his new tour at Manchester on Monday. Ellen Terry, however, was too ill to appear.

A Parlor Match finished at Terry's last night. I cannot help thinking that it would have had a longer run if its gags and things had not been so wholesomely appropriated and used here by your and our variety artists. For Auld Lang Syne finishes at the Lyceum in a few nights and will be succeeded by *The Three Musketeers*, with Louis Waller as D'Artagnan. Anon Waller will appear as Henry V. Beerholm Tree ends his second run of *Madame's* at Her Majesty's to-night and will close the theatre till next Wednesday, when he will produce *Herod*, by Stephen Phillips, the brilliant young ex-acting poet.

It has just been decided that Louis Napoleon Parker's long ago written but not yet produced play, *The Swashbuckler*, shall not be produced first by Wilson Barrett. It has been selected to go on at the Duke of York's, from which house *The Lackey's Carnival* will be withdrawn next Saturday. There has been talk of a revival of *The Adventure of Lady Julia* at the Duke of York's before the new production. In any case the beautiful bride, Evelyn Millard (Mrs. J. R. Coulter), having made it up with the management, will be in the next piece at the Duke of York's.

San Toy reached its anniversary at Daly's this week and George Edwards gave a ball at the Savoy Hotel by way of celebration. G. E. has been very lucky with his race horses this week. Your saucy citizenship, Madge Ellis, was the guest at a supper at the Savoy on Thursday, given in her honor by your citizen, A. L. Sutherland, as a send off before she goes to Berlin.

Robert Buchanan, novelist and playwright, is dangerously ill.

The Criminal Judge, or *the Light of Truth*, is the title of a new melodrama by Arthur Shirley and Benjamin Landeck, down for production by Isaac Cohen next Monday week at the Pavilion, otherwise "the Drury Lane of the East." The Court reopens next week with *As You Like It*. The Orlando will be E. H. Vanderbilt and the Touchstone, Harry Paulson. Rosalind will be played by a novice, Mrs. Constance Stuart. La Lole Fuller and Charlotte Wiebe, the Danish actress, successfully opened at the Coronet last Monday in a series of little pieces, plus dances. Mrs. Constance, who lives at the Earl of Avon's residence, and who has quite a number of crummies like *How these things go* into the theatre, is a daughter of a rage because she has been accused of having a bust of his late wife, the great actress, Emma Hamilton, put up in Stratford-on-Avon church, and the bust of the other local luminary, W. Shakespeare.

Nov. 2.

The big theatrical sensation of the week has been Beerholm Tree's production of *Herod* at Her Majesty's last Wednesday. This famous tragedy is, you will remember, the work of one Stephen Phillips, formerly an actor of small parts with George Alexander and others. It was Alexander who, in a sense, "discovered" that Phillips was a real poet, and, indeed, he commended the young bard to write a play for the St. James. The bard, anon gave off a tragedy on the old story of Paolo and Francesca and Alexander has the play in the theatre. It was reserved for Tree, however, to first introduce Poet Phillips to London playgoers.

And Tree has introduced him nobly. No more gorgeous nor more costly production has ever been seen on any stage than that which dazzled and delighted its first nighters on Wednesday. There is but one scene in the play, but that is indeed a marvel of beauty and realism. It shows the palace and court of Herod on the edge of the city of Jerusalem. In each of the acts hundreds of citizens, Jews, Samaritans, Romans, farmers, soldiers, priests, handmaids, dancing girls, etc., all in most wonderful raiment designed by Percy Anderson, crowd the court and its precincts. Moreover, that new poet and colored composer, Christopher Taylor (who has just and his baby christened Hawathu), has provided much excellent music.

The play, which is couched in smooth and often strong blank verse, is for the first two acts somewhat eventless. Anon, however, it wakes up and becomes very strong. Its chief points are: 1. Herod's King John-like plot to murder the boy Aristobulus (brother to the beautiful Mariamne, whom the murderer loves to distraction). 2. Mariamne's discovery of Herod's foul instructions in this connection and her subsequent scolding of the uxorious Herod and all his unscrupulous pleadings. 3. Herod's mad fury at this and his yielding to the importunities of Mariamne's many enemies at court to have her also put out of the way. 4. His speedy repentance and later madness in consequence.

The last act is very intense. Herod, who has been wondering about like a cross between the late King Nebuchadnezzar and Myneer Rip Van Winkle, returns to the palace, having persuaded himself that he only dreamed that Mariamne is dead. Most of his people, anxious for the tyrant's strong and diplomatic rule again, humor him in this delusion, but suddenly the embowed body of the lovely Mariamne is brought in! The King shrieks with terror at the sight and stands rigid with an attack of catalepsy and never speaks again. The whole of the court departs and the mute monarch is left alone with the beautiful corpse. As in the eight or nine previous plays on this theme, the poet has been largely indebted to the Hebrew historian, Josephus, for the main points of the play. Herod has its defects, chiefly the defect of construction inevitable to so ambitious a work of a beginner. But it is a fine and powerful play all the same and deserves to score a big pecuniary success. The youthful bard's next play venture will be looked forward to with great interest.

Tree, after dragging at times in the first two acts, played splendidly in the last two. His madness and his cataleptic seizure were realistic to an awful degree. Your lovely Maud Jeffries, in spite of being handicapped with one leg, feet of strange crimson wax, covered to score, although it was not one of her most successful impersonations. Your Eleanor Calhoun was in good form as the melodramatically jealous Salome, and your Kate Bateman (they are all American actresses now at Tree's) did well as the even more melodramatic mother of the unfortunate Herod. C. W. Somerset was artistic as a Jew councillor. F. H. Macklin was imposing as the Gaul, Schemus, and young Alfred Mansfield, nephew of Richard, played cleverly at Herod's side. The boy Aristobulus, who the death-dealing Herod has drowned in the first act.

Next Saturday the Globe will reopen with what was always its form of fare in its early days, namely burlesque. The play to be produced is entitled *The Gay Pretenders*, and has been written by George Grossmith, Jr., and set to music by Claude Nugent, a well-known semi-military man about town. Certain of the lyrics are by Paul Rubens, who wrote many of the songs for *Florodora*. *The Gay Pretenders* will have for its chief interpreters the author of the libretto and his funny father, also Letty Lind and her sister, Adelaide Astor (who is Mrs. George, Jr.). The piece treats of the lives and adventures of Lambert Simmel and Perkin Warbeck. I do not remember any English play concerning these would-be monarchs since the tragedy of Perkin Warbeck, written by John Ford, who, next to Shakespeare, was perhaps the most natural and pathetic of all the Elizabethan dramatists.

The Lackey's Carnival was withdrawn from the Duke of York's last night, but Jones' other and far better play, Mrs. Dunn's *Defense*, is doing big business at Wyndham's. The Duke of York's will presently reopen with Louis Napoleon Parker's long ago written but hitherto unproduced play, *The Swashbuckler*, which has been secured, and afterwards parted with, by Willard Alexander, Wilson Barrett, etc. By the way, Barrett has been strongly encouraged to hit in the big provincial towns with the much revised version of his and the said Parker's *Man and His Makers*. Bride Evelyn Millard, having doubtless examined the script of *The Swashbuckler* to see whether it contained any lines that would cause her to "walk out of the theatre," returns to the Duke of York's to play the heroine therein.

Manager Lederer, having arrived with those sixteen new American chorus ladies, will present them and certain other new features in *The Casino Girl* at the Shaftesbury next Tuesday. Polite Lunatic Sullivan, who has made a big hit as the German Pasha in this piece, has had several tempting offers from West End managers. He has, however, settled to remain with Lederer and will anon return to your States to play this very part. Richard Carle and A. F. Cooke are making good progress with the libretto of a musical play entitled *The Moon Maiden*, the music to which will be sung after slaughter. "Moon" pieces seem to be in the air just now. Owen Hall's new play, *The Silver Slipper*, intended to follow *Florodora* at the Lyric, is partly of this kind, and the libretto and lyrics of an extremely "mooney" play are being written by one Chance Newton.

Citizen R. G. Knowles finished his engagement in the London variety halls last Saturday night. His far-reaching aroused such enthusiasm and the audiences were so sorry to part with droll trick that he had to sing eight songs.

C. Dundas Slater, manager of the big Alhambra, Leicester Square, sails to-day for a health trip to your hospitable shores. Many on your side will doubtless remember him as traveling through your States some thirteen years ago with Richard Henry's Gaiety burlesque, *Monte Cristo*, Jr.

Freely Carte receives Gilbert and Sullivan's aesthetic opera, *Pastime*, or, *Burnthorne's Bride*, at the Savoy next Wednesday, and the same evening Forster Robertson will, at the Borough, Stratford, make his first London appearance in George Bernard Shaw's play, *The Devil's Disciple*.

Two new melodramas are due next week, namely *The Criminal Judge* at the Pavilion, Whitechapel, and *A World of Sin* at the Standard, Shoreditch. Charlotte Wiebe, the Danish actress, and La Lole Fuller, the serpent-tress, will, in consequence of their success at the Coronet, Nottingham Hill, the other week, start a fortnight season under the same manager (E. C. Saunders) at Terry's on Monday.

George Alexander has just decided that his next new play, to presently follow *A Debt of Honor*, shall be one by Mrs. Craigie (John Oliver Hobbs). It is entitled *The Wisdom of the Wise*. This title is based upon an old Spanish proverb which declares that those who love have no wisdom and that those who are wise have no love. It is a nice play, I must think it out when I have more leisure.

PARIS.

New Plays of Little Merit—A Successful Benefit—News Notes.

(Special Correspondence of The Mirror.)

PARIS, Oct. 20.

Patrice Chéreau's comedy, *Un Idée de Mari*, produced at the Comedie Oct. 15, is the first new play of the season. Its novelty lies mainly in its task. For the plot is of a too familiar type—a rehearsal of the time when theme of domestic incompatibility and subsequent divorce, served with a number of extravagant and silly complications. The play's sole claim to merit is that it is somewhat of a satire on other works of its class. The

husband in the case, one Desmazures, finding his wife indifferent to him, decides to follow the theories set forth by Bismarck, Feydeau, and other dramatists, of whom he is a disciple, and win his wife's love by arousing her jealousy. This husband is very much of an ass. His wife, Mathilde, is a charming girl. Flayed by her husband's coldness, she seeks consolation in a flirtation—a perfectly harmless flirtation, be it understood—with her cousin, Gustave. Desmazures, cognizant of the affair, does some eavesdropping, but the conversation of the young people proves that Mathilde has not been unfaithful. Nevertheless Desmazures wants more evidence of his wife's love. Then it is that the Bismarck-Feydeau scheme dawns on him. He will let Mathilde get a divorce, and then marry her, according to the approved method of the best farceurs. But when he announces his intention Mathilde receives the idea with joy, a divorce suggesting marriage with Gustave later on. Desmazures is taken aback, but goes on with his plans. To get the divorce he must find a correspondent. This proves a difficult task, for Desmazures is such a numskull that he is unable to secure an obliging female. Eventually, by advertising for artistic models, Desmazures manages to get himself caught by a police commissary in the company of three airily clad young women. The divorce is granted, and Desmazures hies him to his ex-wife to offer remarrying, confident of a welcome with open arms. Mathilde, however, informs him that she has accepted Gustave. Desmazures learns that it is unwise to put one's faith in playwrights' logic, but, monstrosity conceived, he flatters himself that he will yet win Mathilde from her new spouse. The players made the farce seem funnier than it was. The best results were attained by M. Galipaux and Mlle. Brachet.

Un Idée de Mari is silly, but *Les quatre Coins de Paris*, at the Chmy, is sillier. This farce is the work of Albert Barré and Armand Numa, and was produced Oct. 17. The impossible plot tells of the family of Radinois, a shop keeper, who, having hoarded considerable wealth, desire to travel. They have never stirred from their own section of Paris—a premise too preposterous to be accepted—and a practical joker, posing as a courier, takes them on a grand tour of the city, hoaxing them into the belief that they are seeing Europe. All sorts of ridiculous complications occur, and in the end the joker marries Radinois' daughter. Considering the material in hand, the company gave a good performance.

The benefit for the Association of Dramatic Artists, managed by Coquelin, was held at the Trocadero on Thursday. The performance was a great success, the receipts amounting to over \$8,000. On the programme were Sarah Bernhardt, Mlle. Barbet, Madame Simon Gerard, Coquelin *en chef*, Momet-Sully, Madame Judic, Mlle. Sandrini and Zambelli, M. Faure, and Mlle. Akte. Madame Judic was received with an enthusiasm that showed that her popularity had not waned during her retirement.

The Comedie Francaise presented this week *Le Diner de Pierrot*, *Les Femmes Savantes*, *L'Etranger*, *Denise*, *La Conscience de l'Enfant*, *Adrienne Lecouvreur*, *L'Ami des Femmes*, and *Le Monde ou l'on s'ennuie*.

At the opera the bills were *Tannhauser*, *Faust*, *Hamlet*, *Les Huguenots*, *Samson et Delila*, and *Le Prophete*. At the opera Comique *Carmen*, *Le Reve*, *Louise*, and *Mignon* were sung.

Who will occupy Sarah Bernhardt's Theatre after Jan. 1, when the Comedie Francaise moves to its rebuilt home, has not been decided. Jacques Richepin, son of Jean Richepin, wishes to produce a new play by himself there, and another bidder is Isidor de Lara, who wants the theatre for a production of his opera *Messalina*.

The Colonne concerts will begin at the Châtelet to-morrow.

Louis Fournier has written a biography and an "appreciation" of Sada Yacco and Otto Kavakami, the Japanese actors, that scored such a success at Lolo Fuller's Theatre. The work has just been issued by Brentano. It is well illustrated.

The Fête a Rome, an elaborate ballet spectacle, will be put on at the Hippodrome next week, succeeding *Nerinx-Torix*.

Elle est Mariée, a comedieta by Ricou and Mariotti, will be produced at the Dejazet during the season.

Galtry will open his *L'Assomoir* at the Paris St. Martin, Nov. 1. Carillo Mendez and Eusebio Hahn have written an opera that Carré will produce at the Opera Comique.

Madame Le Bargy, wife of the well-known actor, will make her stage debut at Brussels Nov. 5 in *L'Enchantement*. Anon, as has been announced, Madame Le Bargy is to be leading woman for Sarah Bernhardt when that actress assumes a round of male roles.

Antoine, who must have accumulated several hundred new plays, has accepted Louis Fovet's comedy, *Le Colonel Chabert*, adapted from Balzac.

T. S. K.

THE LOST PARADISE CASE.

In THE MIRROR of Nov. 2 reference was made to the proceedings in Chicago against Charles L. Howard and Lorin J. Howard, commonly known as Howard and Doyle. The contempt proceedings are still pending before Master in Chancery Bishop, and Carl Hermann has brought on witnesses from New York and elsewhere. Up to the present time Mr. Hermann and his attorney from New York, Louis Stecker, assisted by the Chicago attorneys, Pam. Calhoun and Glennon, have introduced 425 pages of testimony. Mr. Hermann's expenses in this proceeding, not counting the Master's fees at the attorneys' fees, have been very nearly \$1,200.

Mr. Hermann says that he is determined to push the proceeding to a conclusion, no matter what the expense, in order to demonstrate that as far as it is possible he will stop at nothing which he can fairly and legitimately do to stop piratical use of his property, and at the same time to show those who contract with him that he affords them protection.

In connection with this case the following letter has been received from one of the defendants:

Chicago, Nov. 5, 1906.

To the Editor of The Dramatic Mirror:

Sir: In re. your issue of Nov. 2 an article appears under the heading of "The Lost Paradise Case," and we ask in justice to our firm that you insert a denial, as it is a lie, although, in the first place, no injunction has ever been granted against us; simply a temporary injunction before the Master. The case has never been in court.

Hermann, trying to give us trouble by claiming contempt of court, and when the case came before Judge Kelso last week he would not listen to a lot of rubbish they attempted to urge before him, and he told them so in open court, and if they wanted to bring up any such evidence they could go before a Master and talk to him as long as they wanted, but that he would require strong and indisputable evidence when it came before him.

As regards their being confident that they will prove contempt of court, it is simply a matter of opinion. Time will tell. The decision for contempt of court has nothing to do with the *Lost Paradise* case. We have good legal advice and will notify you and the profession the results when the case comes up.

We think we are right in claiming we can translate a foreign play under its own title and make any additions we wish, providing we do not use any original matter used in any other adaptation, or any coloration, which we can prove we have never done. If this is not good law, we would like to know where many of our good American authors would land who have made adaptations right and left, even Dr. Miller, who dramatized the same play in 1880, and Hermann never copyrighted his version until 1897.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES L. HOWARD.

Formerly Howard and Doyle.

BERNARD DESIGNS.

Adolph Bernard (Reinold), who has been the secretary of the Actors' Fund for nearly six years, resigned his position at the meeting of the Board of Managers last Thursday on account of ill health. The Board at first refused to accept his resignation, but when it was explained that Mr. Bernard's physicians had ordered him to leave the city, the resignation was accepted. Mr. Bernard had been for at least a year in poor health, and it was feared that he would not be able to continue in his position. The fund will be taken by Theodore Brampton, who occupied the post immediately before Mr. Bernard.

COSMOP.



Maud Louise Barber, Carl Hoswin's leading woman in *A Lion's Heart*, now touring the West, is scoring marked success in an unusually difficult role. She is an actress of striking individuality and discriminative force. Her progress during a brief career is remarkable and by no means is due solely to her beauty, although she has a generous share thereof. She began at the foot of the ladder three years ago, and still is climbing rapidly. Miss Barber has many friends high in the profession, but never employs their influence. Her final success, like her initial promotion, will be due entirely to her own ability. She is a member of a prominent Southern family and a native of Augusta, Ga., but her home of late years has been in New York.

Sara Johnson was married Nov. 3 to Edwin C. Brainerd, a hotel proprietor.

Harry C. Browne, last season with *Dear Hearts of Ireland*, and Edith Jacklin, a non-professional, were married at North Adams, Mass., Nov. 7. Mr. and Mrs. Browne will reside in New York.

Professor David McWade, ballroomist, of Welsh Brothers' circus, was married Nov. 3 to Lydia Jenkins, of Anderson, Pa.

A supper was tendered by the members of A. G. Scammon's Side Tracked to John Waller on his return to the company from New York, where he went to bury his little daughter, Annie. Mr. Waller had been back with the company only three days when he received a telegram announcing that his little son, Willie, had also died.

Edith Booth was thrown from a carriage in Harlem on Sunday and her skull was fractured. She was taken to the Harlem Hospital.

Virginia Earle reports that \$850 was abstracted from a hand bag which she left for a while in the Hotel Vendome restaurant one night last week.

The Casino mix-up was arranged last week so that George W. Lederer will remain in possession of the theatre until Feb. 1, when the Sir Brochers will assume control. Mr. Lederer means to take *The Belle of Bohemia* to London in January.

Charles McElair, one time valet to Edward Lester, was arrested last week, charged with stealing \$10,000 worth of gems belonging to Mr. Lester.

Mrs. Anna Cowell, the famous leading lady of a bygone day, who is now a resident of the Edwin Forrest Home, suffered a stroke of apoplexy last Wednesday, and is at present in a critical condition. She was visiting in Philadelphia when the illness came upon her, and it was deemed inadvisable to move her to the Home. The physician and two nurses of the Home, however, went immediately to her and everything possible is being done for her comfort.

Hennessey Leroy opened the Hendrick Hudson Hall, Hudson, N. Y., on Nov. 5.

W. M. Wilkinson has secured from Nat C. Goodwin, Clyde Fitch's play, *Nathan Hale*, which he will send out with Howard Kyle in the title part and Nannette Comstock as Alice Adams.

Marcus R. Mayer will manage for Maurice Gran the American tour of Sarah Bernhardt and M. Coquelin, having resigned from the business management of Mary Manning.

A divorce was granted at Trenton, N. J., on Nov. 9, separating Quenele Vassar Lynch from her husband, William Lynch.

The Strollers' third annual ladies' day was celebrated last Friday at the Waldorf-Astoria. A number of prominent actresses were among the guests and were objects of interest to a swarm of society persons.

Sarah Bernhardt, M. Coquelin and their company sailed yesterday from Havre for this city, their departure having been delayed two days by an accident to the steamship *Lorraine*.

The Lyceum Theatre, Elizabeth, N. J., was sold last week to counsel for Theodore K. Pembroke to satisfy a mortgage of \$4,000. Mr. Pembroke paid \$20,000 for the property.

Clara Clemens, daughter of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), will appear here this season as a concert soloist.

Ruth Albridge, leading lady with Howard Gould in *Kupert of Hentau*, was taken suddenly ill at Richmond, Va., on Nov. 7 and went to a hospital there.

Thomas H. Davis filed a petition in bankruptcy in this city last week, with liabilities of \$21,500 and no assets.

Benjamin F. Cheney, husband of Julia Arthur, was banded last week in Boston by one Alfred Hamburger, who solicited a subscription to pay for a portrait in a special issue of the *Railroad Gazette*. Mr. Cheney gave him \$1,200 and then found out that the special issue was a myth. Detectives are looking for Hamburger.

Edmund Bross retired from the James O'Neill company on Nov. 3 to join the Castle Square Theatre Stock, opening Nov. 12.

W. H. H. Peck, 10 North End Terrace, North Newark, N. J., writes to ask for information concerning the present whereabouts of Henry Willis Merritt Peck, of whom his relatives have not heard for six years. He was known as actor and as manager for many years, and his relatives will be grateful for any information that may be sent to them.

Marguerite Merington's new play, *Old Orchard*, will be produced in Buffalo on Nov. 19. Sarah Truax will play the leading role.

J. L. Verone and Lillian Mortimer were married at Salt Lake City on Nov. 3.

The first reception of the Stanhope-Wheatcroft Dramatic School this season will take place at the new quarters of the school on Fifth Avenue on Saturday evening of this week. Many well-known journalists, dramatists, artists and prominent theatrical and musical people are expected to be present.

Under the Dome will close its season at Fligh. Ill., Nov. 17, and the company, augmented and strengthened, will open in Chattanooga, Nov. 25.

"IF YOU SEE IT IN THE SUN."

The New York Sun continues characteristically to blunder in the department of dramatic news. Last week it referred to the "Greenwald company at the American," declared that "the star actors visiting us just now happen to be all Americans," and included Richard Mansfield, who was born in Heligoland, and May Irwin, a native of Canada, in the list; an article full of misrepresentations about "The Adventures of Francis" referred to George C. Tyler, whose name it misprinted as George W. Tyler, as the one who produced this play, whereas it was produced by Liebler and Company, and declared that the author of "The Adventures of Francis" had done "nothing skillful in that line," meaning the playwright line; referred to "one of Charles Frohman's London theatres" (2); called Minnie Sullivan's play, "When a Woman Loves," "A Woman who Loves," and committed other and minor offenses against the truth too numerous to mention.

FRIEDLANDER SUES FULLMAN COMPANY.

S. H. Friedlander, of San Francisco, brought suit at Butte, Mont., last week against the Fullman Car Company, for \$12,500 damages, alleging that a special car furnished him by the company for the transportation of his The Brownies in Fairyland company was in an unsanitary condition and in consequence five of the children comprising the company contracted scarlet fever, four diphtheria and one typhoid fever. The company was quarantined at Butte for twenty-three days and bookings for that period had to be canceled. The damages are particularized as \$30,000 for breach of contract, \$2,500 for loss of profits, and \$300 for medical attendance.

BROOKLYN AMUSEMENTS.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10.

But one novelty was offered for the week, and while the election day patronage was enormous, it scarcely sufficed to make a satisfactory average at some of the houses, where the regular offerings treated very liberally and where the reaction consequent upon the big holiday business made the rest of the week unprofitable.

The Columbia brought to view Brother Officers, and though its cast showed several strong names, the tribulation of parts was by no means as heavy and the representation thus was inferior to the original production at the Empire. The Empire Stock makes way for the Lederer production of The Belle of Bohemia.

Ernest Clarke and Adelaide Prince began their tour in The Duke War at the Brooklyn with the scenery and accessories used in the Henry Miller presentation of it last season. Miss Prince as Lucia Manette made a conspicuous success, while Mr. Clarke was equally felicitous in the role of Sidney Carton, those of their support deserving special mention being Carlotta Eddard, Augustus Eddard, Adèle Lockemann, Albert Gilman, and J. J. Sanbrook. The old Homestead, with Deanna Thompson, is to follow.

The Montauk management, notwithstanding the press reported Mr. Schenck as yet confined to the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, and likely to be further incapacitated for another fortnight from resuming his professional work, went merrily ahead with their advance sale for that engagement, until the latter part of last week, when, at the eleventh hour, Miss Walsh was secured to fill the vacancy. Miss Walsh came over direct from the Broadway Theatre with her creditable record of more than twenty years, which again displayed the same picturesque manner and costumes that were admired here last year, when John Arthur appeared on this stage in that play. Mrs. Carter and Zaza are undervalued.

The Sign of the Cross was the feature at the Grand Opera House, where Charles Dalton was again admired as Marcus Simeon, and found a splendid foil in the capable enunciation of Morcha by Lillie Threlton. Nora was well realized by W. E. Baumy, and Agnes Scott met every requirement as Bernice. The rest of the support was satisfactory, and the engagement proved satisfactory. Manager Lewis Parker next has Joseph Murphy in the perennial Sham Rine and The Kerry Cow.

A feature new to the Hyde and Bohemia stage was the debut in this branch of the London music hall singer, Charles Colburn, who at once became a favorite, and presented the success he recently achieved at Tony Pastor's. Mr. Colburn, though a man in middle life, sings agreeably and ably in time. He has a remarkable control of facial expression and enunciates each word so clearly as to be distinctly understood in every part of the house. His character pieces present a perfect make-up, and are truthful as well as entertaining. Mr. Sherrin and Charles Carson, those of their support deserving special mention being Lillie Threlton, which, though a little show at the start, after the entrance of the hall quickly strikes a center which carries everything before it. Lillie and Violet Daley, soon after the first time since their European tour, got some of the heartiest applause of the entire bill. Miss Violet, who has hitherto from childhood into a grown woman since their last date here, is now a trifle taller than her mother, and has become one of the most picturesque figures before the public, who, as a dancer, will cause those already famous to look to their heels. James Manning in The First Pawnbroker displayed a valuable new find in Lillie Nelson Davis, who needed an agreeable and superior substitute for his predecessor. Master Davis has a bright face, is full of action, up to date in the latest slang, and sings both sweetly and with facility. Mrs. and Mr. Sidney Drew returned from Two Hearts as won, in which the house, as almost all the lady's. This comedy was ingeniously wedded to this sketch and if their illustrious relatives had displayed no more ambitious desire for fresh material than they John Drew would not be in The Masked Ball and Mrs. Rankin will be suffering from the loss of The Dumbies. Lillie Charles, Emma's substitute, turn as decorated, was one of the bill's best liked features. In addition to his cool vocalism, he is developing into a pocket edition of a comedian of the first order. Margie O'Hara, superbly crowned in a black and jet trimmings, was so handicapped by a severe cold as to be prevented from doing more than to apologize and beg to be excused. Others seen were the Three Royal Brothers, Frank Cushman, and the Boston Witches, who closed the show with their turn. Manager Henry W. Behman's next people of note are Marshall P. Wilder, Imogene Comer, James O. Barrows, and Al Leach with his Rosabells.

The Elton had the new revival of the old Siberia which is again proving to be as good a money maker as it was a decade or more ago. Lillie West as Vera Edgar Foreman as Trotsky, the Son of Evgenia Ross, and John Terrell as Nikolai Saloff were all excellently rendered. The rigorous policy adopted by Manager Lewis Parker for the substitution of the Elton gallery has worked to a charm, and a performance may now be sat through here in comfort. Sport and Life is the next attraction.

The Behman Show, as commented upon when down town last week, has served to rock the Gaiety night ly, where Manager Bennett Wilson follows it with La Voix on Salome.

The Fulton season's tenth week was devoted to My old Kentucky Home, which stirring war drama received the usual amiable treatment that is accorded by the Fulton Stock to all of their productions. The evening week will be devoted to Diplomacy, which production is promised to rank as one of the most notable that shall be seen here this season. Corp Fulton is now considering a scheme of change in the Fulton entrance lobby that will not only involve an outlay of several thousand dollars, but that will make it almost as showy a spot as the famous K. Theatre entrance in Boston.

Frank Irwin's Big Show was the announcement at the Star, where but two features came anywhere near the required standard, the Six Cornudas in their pique gymnastics, and the Lynette Twin Sisters, who with proper development are likely to attain popularity. Last season the performance given under this direction was one of the best on the road. The "Eagle" and other local authorities in their Tuesday review were unanimous in pronouncing the current bill as the noisiest and most lumpy of the season. Manager William L. Russell next recruits with The Bowery Burlesques.

The talent at the Novelty numbered Hugh Stanton and Flora Madson, Ed Lottell, Lillie Western, Haines and Portingell, the MacIntoshes, O'Brien and Havel, Laura Comstock, Ed Jackson and Burns, also the Three Powers Brothers.

We This of Tennessee depart from the Lincoln, where Forest is next installed.

The Williams' Music Hall features were Erta Butler, McAvoy and May, Mlle. Olive, Harding and Al. Gilbert, the juggler, Tobe and Lucy, John D. Sill, also Kruse's dog and monkey shows.

Manager Thomas Kim, of Al. Rogers' Casino, takes The Ladies' Club in place of The Tuxedo Club.

The Empire shifts from The Delicate Burlesques to The Irish Show, while the Empire replaces the Rose Hill Tolly people by Watson's American Burlesques.

Richard Mansfield and his impressive revival of Henry V., which has been first announced as a Montauk card, has been transferred to the Columbia for Thanksgiving week. The Montauk will then be in announcements with the Rogers' Burlesques in Central Park.

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the big audience's breath, and nothing so realistic and ingenious has been seen in New York in years. The scenery used is of a highly artistic character, and many wonderful and artistic effects are shown. A deep heart interest runs through the play, interspersed with the highest of comedy. "The Great White Diamond" is a great success.

NEW YORK COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER, Nov. 6.—A very melodramatic play.

NEW YORK JOURNAL, Nov. 8.—Alan Dale. The villain is a Jack-Hyde Nymphet.

NEW YORK EVENING SUN, Nov. 8.—A big hit at the Star Theatre. "The Great White Diamond" is a winner, there can be no doubt of that.

NEW YORK MORNING SUN, Nov. 6.—A packed house greeted "The Great White Diamond" with interest and cheer.

NEW YORK EVENING POST, Nov. 6.—A sensational shocker.

NEW YORK EVENING JOURNAL, Nov. 6.—The play has many exciting climaxes, and the audience was well pleased.

NEW YORK MORNING TELEGRAPH, Nov. 6.—For original situations nothing yet seen at the Star Theatre can outshine it.

CAMDEN REVIEW, Nov. 2.—Scores a big hit. The scenery easily casts into the shade anything yet produced in this city. "The Great White Diamond" is the most sensational piece of stagecraft ever attempted.

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THE STOCK COMPANIES.

The Valentine Stock company, Halifax, gave a most satisfactory production of Hamlet, Nov. 12, to very large audiences. Everett King assumed the title role and achieved an emphatic success. His performance was a thoughtful and powerful one. His reading was scholarly and intelligent and his acting admirable. Nora O'Brien made an excellent Ophelia, and Kate Blanche an effective queen. Charles Joy was capital, and Charles Hagar was successful as the ghost. The other roles were aptly taken. The critics praised the performance highly. On Saturday evening the students of Dalhousie College attended in a body, and at the end of the play Mr. King was called before the curtain. The School for Scandal was the bill last week.

The "standing room only" sign was in evidence all of week of Oct. 29 at the Barbant Theatre, Los Angeles, when the Foster-Leslie company presented Sophy. Individual hits were made by Florence Roberts, William Beach, Nina Morris, Beatrice Ingram, John Stepping, Edwin Dudley, Frederick Hartley and Harry K. Keenan. Anne Sutherland arrived Nov. 4 to become leading woman of the company. The last two weeks of the engagement here will be devoted to Catherine and Man's Enemy, with Miss Sutherland in the leading roles. The company will begin an extended engagement at the Grand Opera House, San Francisco, Dec. 3, the opening bill being The Prisoner of Zenda.

The Lyceum Stock company, now in the fourth week of its engagement at the Lyceum Theatre, St. Joseph, Mo., is gaining popularity with each performance. In its presentation of Trilby last week Wilson Enos made a decided hit as Svengali, while Harry Meystayer made a very clever Little Billie.

The Newark, N. J., Stock companies offered three and melodrama last week. A Bunch of Keys was played by the Columbia company in pleasing fashion. The comedians of the company were in their element, of course, and Burrell Barabette as "Grimesy, me boy," and George Neville as Snuggs made large hits. This week Manager Jacobs presents The Great Ruby. A number of extra people have been engaged and elaborate scenery has been prepared.

The New Century company gave good performances of Fanny Ticket 230. Una Abell was a very satisfactory May, and John Waldron, Victor Moore, and Thomas Megan were also prominent.

The Grand Opera House Stock company, New Orleans, presented The Fatal Card last week and met with the same excellent patronage accorded the company since its advent. Maurice Freeman and Lavinia Shannon, the leading people, are strong favorites.

Lavinia Shannon, leading woman of the Grand Opera House Stock company, scored a triumph week of Oct. 22 in The Dancing Girl. Her beautiful laces was declared to be the best of her many fine portrayals. She brought out every phase of the character with intelligence and power, and earned storms of applause at every performance.

The Cummings Stock company closed at South Bend, Ind., on Saturday, to reorganize for its opening at the Grand Opera House, Salt Lake City, for an indefinite run.

Jane Holly has joined the Hopkins' Stock company in Memphis, opening there this week as Bora in Diplomacy. This season Miss Holly has been a member of the Grand Opera House Stock company, New Orleans, where her excellent work has attracted special attention from critics and public. Her Vera Manchester in The Fatal Card last week received much commendation.

Carrie Radcliffe, for four seasons leading woman of the stock company at Forepaugh's Theatre, Philadelphia, resigned last week. Florence Roberts has been engaged to succeed her.

The marriage of Frank Lyman and Madeline Luck, of the Moffett Eagle Stock company, Louisville, was announced to occur in that city Nov. 4.

The D. W. Truss Stock company, that began a season at St. John, N. E., Nov. 1, in The Charity Ball, will open an engagement at Halifax on Christmas Eve.

Ben Deane has resigned from the Greenwall Stock company at the American Theatre.

For the eighth week of their season the Boyle Stock company, Nashville, Tenn., produced The Lottery of Love. Manager Boyle's choice of plays this season has ranged from the legitimate drama to farce-comedy, and his company has proven equal to all demands. In the current bill it would be hard to conceive of a happier allotment of parts. J. Gordon Edwards in the role of Adolphus Bombadot gave a light and airy interpretation that was delightful. Morris McHugh as Buttercorn, J. K. Applebee as Merriman and Belle Gaffney as Mrs. Sherramy were the principal north providers of the cast, and each did artistic work. William Stuart won favor for his excellent light comedy work as Tom Dangerous. Lisle Leigh played Jo in her usual finished style and invested the part with a touch of comedy that was refreshing. Anna Hollinger presented a lovely appearance as Bona and was equal to all the demands placed upon her. Nancy Rice was a clever maid of all work. William G. Beckwith made much of the small part of Rye. Veterans C. Alley and Thomas Sterrett assisted in making this the foremost comedy success of the season.

Mrs. Hollinger, of Marion, Ind., arrived in Nashville Nov. 6 to spend a portion of the Winter with her daughter, Anna Hollinger, the ingenue of the Boyle Stock company.

Gaston Mervale and Claire Lindsay, of the

Grose Stock company at Her Majesty's Theatre, Montreal, were married on Nov. 4.

The Toronto critics pronounced the Valentine company's production of Jim the Penman the best thing of the season at the Princess, and gave special praise to Meta Maynard for her portrayal of Nina Rabston, to Jack Webster for his clever acting of the title role, and to Messrs. Robinson and Evans as Baron Hartfield and Captain Redwood, respectively. The entire company scored a great success in the play, and notwithstanding the election excitement and strong counter attractions, the Princess held large crowds at each of the nine performances. This week the Valentine company is appearing in Romeo and Juliet. M. Webster is playing Romeo, Miss Maynard, Juliet, and Mr. Eresen, Mercutio.

The Alcazar Theatre Stock company, San Francisco, presented last week The Lost Paradise to excellent business. The company has not been seen to such good advantage in a long time. Each member scored heavily. Howard Hall played and looked Warner to the letter. Edwin T. Emory again showed his versatility by a breezy performance of Bob Appleton. Howard Scott was excellent as Standish. George F. Webster made one of his greatest hits as Swartz. Ada Lewis, in the role of Cinders, did clever work. She is a strong addition to the company. Lorena Atwood as Margaret Knowlton was cordially received. Juliet Crossly played the lame girl, Nell, delightfully. Polly Stockwell, Marie Howe, Gubla Pender, and Stella Rosetta also scored. Charles Montrose, Nichols, and Carlisle Moore were quite in keeping with the rest of this excellent cast. Ernest Howell as old Bencil did a clever character bit. His Absent Boy this week.

Marie Doran's version of Nell Gwynn, which is now in rehearsal at the Castle Square Theatre, Boston, will be presented by that company next week. Miss Doran's play held the boards for two weeks at the New Century Theatre, Newark, N. J., recently.

Joseph Kilgour has been engaged for the Morisco Stock company.

Edythe Totten became, last week, a member of the Shubert Stock company, Buffalo.

THE AMATEURS BY AMATEURS.

The Amaranth Society, of Brooklyn, departed from its usual custom by presenting on Wednesday, Nov. 7, A. W. Pinero's comedy, The Amazons, as the introductory play of its thirtieth year. Shakespeare heretofore has ushered in the dramatic season at the Amaranth. The customary large audience filled the Academy of Music to greet Brooklyn's most talented corps of amateur performers.

The Amaranth's cleverest players were selected for the presentation, and under the stage direction of Harry J. Stokum, who has succeeded Alfred Young, to whose good judgment and ability the Amaranth is indebted for the high standard and excellence attained by its productions in recent years, gave a thoroughly enjoyable and creditable performance.

Harry C. Edwards, the society's star comedian, was seen to excellent advantage as the Earl of Tweenways. Hugo Winter and John E. Irwin were fully equal to the requirements of their respective roles. Charles J. Curtis would have been a better Count de Grival had he discarded a faulty French accent. In other respects his performance proved an agreeable one. James Penney, a recent acquisition to the society's ranks, gave good satisfaction in a minor part, etc.

Marion Stanley, Regina M. McAvoy, and Grace A. Green were assigned to impersonate the masquerading daughters, and barring a few trivial shortcomings acquitted themselves creditably.

It was with no small apprehension that the young ladies, centered before the footlights in the costumes demanded by the author, but fortunately they figured the entertainment without mishap. Carolyn Jaegers proved admirable as the Marchioness and her work was one of the hits of the evening. W. H. Koeble, Walter Nelson, and Miss Stanley, who played "Sergeant" Suter, are deserving of mention for conscientious efforts in minor roles.

IDALENE COTTON.

Idalene Cotton, whose picture appears on the first page of The Mirror this week, is a daughter of Ben Cotton, who was one of the most popular and best known minstrels in America. She was born in San Francisco and has been on the stage since she was seven years old. At that early age she exhibited a decided ability for mimicry, giving imitations of Alvin, Maggie Mitchell, Pat Rooney and others famous at that time. She made her debut in vaudeville two years ago with her husband, Nick Long, in a program comedietta entitled Maternal Trifles, scoring an immediate success. Her legitimate imitation of Mrs. Leslie Carter in Zaza last season was pronounced the best bit of mimicry ever seen in vaudeville and created quite a sensation. Mr. and Mrs. Long were to have appeared this week at Proctor's Picture Palace, but the engagement was canceled because Miss Cotton was taken ill on Saturday. They will, however, appear in Baltimore next week. Miss Cotton has now impersonations, including one of Mrs. Fiske in Rocky Sharp, and Longfellow. Their sketch concludes with their original The Dugos, which was one of the hits in Broadway to Tokio at the New York Theatre last Winter.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Joe Ball with the Lyman Twins, as second agent, Leslie Cook, with Lila Carlton.
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The twentieth regular monthly meeting of the council of the Alliance was held Friday afternoon, Nov. 2, in the Berkeley Lyceum. Those present were the Rev. Henry Luback, Rev. Thomas E. Silver, Rev. F. J. Clay, Rev. H. M. Warren, Rev. Walter E. Bentley, Secretary; F. F. Mackay, Treasurer; Charles Ross, Rand, Mrs. W. G. Jones, Mrs. Louis Eldridge, Mrs. Sydney Rosenfeld, Harriette A. Keyser, Margaret S. Lawrence, and John A. Holden. Among other business transacted, thirty-five new members were elected, and a report was presented which, being in the interest of all members of the dramatic profession, it was decided to print, and copy, bearing the signatures of the officers, sent to every clergyman, newspaper editor and secretary of every labor union in the United States and Canada.

The eleventh regular monthly service will be held next Sunday evening, Nov. 18, in the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Thirty-first Street and Madison Avenue. The pastor and chaplain, the Rev. Henry M. Sanders, D.D., will preach a sermon upon the subject of "Art in Relation to Religion." All members of the Alliance and of the dramatic profession, together with those interested in the welfare of the theatre, are cordially invited. The offering will be devoted to the work of the Alliance.

The sixth reception will be held on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 22, in the parish house of All Souls' Episcopal Church, Sixty-sixth Street and Madison Avenue, from 2:30 to 5:30 P. M. A fine programme will be given, and each Alliance member will have the privilege of inviting two friends. The Rev. George W. Shinn, D.D., chaplain, of Boston, Mass., and Miss Lillian Lawrence, leading lady of the Castle Square Theatre, Boston, were nominated by the secretary for the office of honorary vice presidents. They were unanimously elected.

A memorial service for the late Mrs. Henrietta A. Saphore, member of the P. W. L., the Actors' Society and the Alliance, will be held on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 15, at 2 P. M., in All Souls' Episcopal Church, Madison Avenue and Sixty-sixth Street. F. F. Mackay, president of the Actors' Society and first vice-president of the Alliance, will make an address, and the secretary of the Alliance will conduct the service. Large delegations from the P. W. L., the Actors' Society and the Alliance will attend. All friends of the deceased are cordially invited.

WALTER E. BENEDY, General Secretary.

THE BURGOMASTER AT THE MANHATTAN.

Grace George will close her ten weeks' engagement in Her Majesty at the Manhattan Theatre, Dec. 15, and will be followed Dec. 24 by a special production of The Burgomaster, the musical comedy by Frank Pixley and Gustav Luders, that had at last summer run in Chicago, and is now enjoying great prosperity in the West. It is not the intention to interrupt the tour, as an entire new company will be engaged for the Manhattan run, and new scenery and costumes are now in preparation. Manager W. W. Tillotson comes on from Chicago this week to complete the New York cast. The prologue of The Burgomaster is held in the old town of New Amsterdam in 1699, and the subsequent scenes depict up to date events in New York and Chicago and at the seashore.

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SIGNIFICANT.

THAT WAS A significant speech delivered at the Lotus Club dinner to MARK TWAIN on Saturday night by JOHN HAKE, who is entering upon a new tour of this country. Mr. HAKE spoke to the toast of "The Drama," and among other things pertinent to the occasion said this:

The health of the drama is extremely good. Its vitality is excessive. In the past we have had as good-better plays and as good players, but at present we have more of them. There may be no genius, but the average is far better. In this there is a great solace and a great danger. Genius may do what it likes. Average ability must be controlled. The practical extinction of the actor-manager in our country and his total extinction in yours is a great menace. It is impossible for the commercial director to amalgamate and control those forces which give to the public the perfect drama. It is the fashion now to cry down the actor-manager. What a mistake! What a folly! The more I look around the more I deplore the lack of State and municipal aid for the theatre. In England we can never hope for it, but in this country it could be, and looking upon the ability of your actors and the grace of your actresses, my impression is that in this country could be founded the finest dramatic school in the world.

It is true that the practical extinction of the actor-manager in England and his almost total eclipse in this country is a menace to the theatre, but in this country this unfortunate elimination of the greatest factor for the artistic development of the drama is, in a great measure, due to the dominant influence of the merchantman in the affairs of the theatre—an influence that in itself constitutes the greatest menace to stage art and artists that this generation has known.

Mr. HAKE goes far for a remedy. A remedy cannot be found in the endowed theatre, because the endowed theatre in this country seems to be but a theoretical dream. The only immediate and natural remedy would perhaps embody something akin to a miracle. It would require the endowment of the leading actors of to-day in both countries with a spirit of independence that would lead them to contend against the commercial influence to which they now sullenly bow. Mr. HAKE, for instance, if he but knew it, and his professional fellows in England that make profitable tours of this country, might furnish an object lesson to their professional contemporaries here—who might follow an example set by a foreigner—by conducting their business themselves. In the actor-manager's way, instead of strengthening the evil influence that dominates here by submitting to it without question.

The age of infancies has passed, and no body need look for an unselfish struggle against the commercializing of the theatre even by the most distinguished artists of the theatre. The only remedy now apparent for the existing evil is a state, though perhaps a remote remedy. It will be furnished by the very persons that oppress the theatre. It is inevitable that by and by in their brutal fight for money—the only thing that appeals to them—they will fall one upon another. Then there will be a new era in the theatre of this country, and art will not be crucified for money's sake.

THE GERRY SOCIETY.

ELMERIDGE T. GERRY has resigned as president and counsel of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, a charitable organization better known as "The Gerry Society" because of Mr. GERRY's domination of it for many years.

The reason advanced for Mr. GERRY's retirement is that he is now too old to continue an activity in this society that has taken much time from his other business, that of a lawyer, for a long period. Reports that Mr. GERRY had been at odds with the directors of the society are denied and will be believed, for the direction of the society always seemed to center absolutely in Mr. GERRY himself. A rumor that Mr. GERRY had become wearied by his contests with the State Board of Charities, which board insisted upon its right to examine the books of the Gerry Society, as it was ostensibly a public charity, is said to have been waved aside by Mr. GERRY on the theory that he had been successful in his fight against the State Board of Charities. On this point, however, President STEWART, of that board, is quoted as saying that "no question is ever settled until it is settled right, and the State Board of Charities does not believe that this question has been rightly settled yet," which probably means that the State Board purposes to resume its contention in another legal form.

No matter who may succeed Mr. GERRY as president of the society that popularly bears his name, it is safe to say that with his retirement will depart the arbitrary method that has marked the conduct of that society with reference to the children of the stage, that in the past have been oppressed and in many cases robbed by it of the right to exercise their birthright in the theatre.

There is no doubt that the Gerry Society has performed a great and beneficent work in certain directions in protecting children from brutality and the consequences of unfortunate environment; but there have been fields more fruitful that the society has neglected at times while it insinuated itself into the theatre, by form of special warrant impertinent upon its face, to oppress stage children on a pretense that it was acting for their benefit.

THE MIRROR does not deny that there have been cases in the theatre in which the society has interfered or might have interfered properly; but under Mr. GERRY's administration an arbitrary power often has been exercised without discretion and with an impertinence that the best intention could not excuse. It was a power that breathed the same spirit of absolutism and intolerance of counsel that provoked the legitimate interference of the State Board of Charities—an interference that probably will eventually lead to the administration of the affairs of the society on lines of reason and justice.

A COMMENDABLE WORK.

THERE is one phase of the work of the Actors' Society of America about which too much cannot be said in commendation. That is its alert guard over the welfare of its members and the profession in the matter of dressing-rooms in theatres.

Many years ago—long before the advent of the Actors' Society—THE MIRROR led an effective crusade against foul and unsanitary dressing-rooms, but this abuse of the rights of actors and of the laws made to conserve the public health is one that will always need correction, owing to the greed of persons that own theatres—which is no different from the greed of other persons that own real estate and their disregard for the comfort and well-being of others. As THE MIRROR often has pointed out, actors from time to time have suffered outrageously from plain violations of the health laws in respect to dressing-rooms.

It is amazing in view of the vastly improved methods of theatre construction and of the pretentiousness of many of the modern houses of amusement that this question as to the health, to say nothing of the comfort, of actors, is so often ignored by builders of theatres. Of course the commercial idea that largely controls in the construction of a theatre makes mainly for outside show and for the utilization of every possible foot of room for the money getting purpose of the enterprise. While everything depends upon the actor, he usually is the last one thought of in construction plans. Some managers and owners of theatres there are that pay proper attention to this branch of the theatre, but they are so few that they serve only to emphasize the selfishness and the disregard of the actor's rights as a man and a factor in the general scheme of a theatre that prevails. It really is a marvel that actors can do as good work as they do in the circum-

stances in which they follow their profession. The fatigues of continuous travel and the hardships of bad fare at hotels alone would be enough to sap the vitality and destroy the ambition of the average man if he were put in the place of the actor. But when to these demoralizing influences is added the necessity of preparing for a night's work in a pen in which it would be unkind to imprison cattle, it is a wonder that utter demoralization is not far more frequent in the profession.

It is a pleasure to record the vigilance of the Actors' Society in bringing to book managers of theatres that persist in violating the law on this subject. It is too much to expect of such managers that they should have any regard whatever for the ethics in this matter, or that they should look upon the actor from any viewpoint except that which selfishness inspires. To them of course he is but a means to an end. But even the inconsiderate manager must obey the law, if it is invoked against him, and he never should be permitted to escape its penalties whenever they may be inflicted.

IT CONTROLS THE PLAY MARKET.

Chicago Post.

We hold to the belief common with most persons who have any knowledge of the exact condition of affairs that the esteemed syndicate comes very near controlling the play market. It is a fact that any playwright, no matter whether possessed of reputation or striving to secure one, would rather have an immediate production of his piece at the hands of a syndicate manager who wields such influence, not merely with the booking power that has all the leading theatres of the country in its hands, but with the New York press, which directs theatrical destinies of the largest city in America, than wait for a chance with another management. Most manuscripts go to the syndicate first. Mark that as the truth. And those which have been put on successfully by others have been passed on by those magnates and rejected. In other words, plays that have made hits like Nathan Hale, The Christian, and a score readily named, were at one time or other read by Charles or Dan Frohman or Al Hayman or Klaw and Erlanger, and rejected by them. Those were their mistakes. The public does the star gazing and the syndicate does the star making. When in need of an attraction some likely young actor will be singled out for honor, given a contract which rewards him fairly well, with a bait in the shape of liberal promises after three years—when he shall have "made good"—and then the young man is promptly "thrown down," unless he is willing to listen to reason.

PLAYING THE GAME TO THE LIMIT.

Robert Shodan in The Independent.

Unfortunately, the theatre in America is generally looked upon as a passing show, for revenue only. Every impartial observer will allow that the literary anarchy which marks the close of the nineteenth century finds its parallel in a dramatic chaos consequent upon purely speculative management of the concerns of our stage. There is absolutely no standard of taste. The pertinent store methods rule in the "high class" houses, and goods, mainly imported, of all colors, styles and shapes—a detective-story shocker, a study in Parisian immorals, a picture of present-day London degeneracy—clutter the counter, to draw the stare of prurience or vacant curiosity. There is a plenty of harmless plays, extra-upholstered and flatteringly, often mendaciously, advertised; but nearly every one of these—what the Germans call "good little plays"—answers in the negative the question, Is it Art? No personal censure is intended. The group of managers who control our "high-class" theatres are simply business men with a talent for gambling—not one of them has even what Horace Walpole called the symptoms of genius—who are working for money, for immediate gain. Doubtless they are doing right, from their viewpoint. It is all a game, they consider, and they are playing it to the limit, well, too, it must be admitted, for do they not contrive to get nine-tenths of the New York press to praise what they see fit to offer to the public?

AN ANNOYANCE TO AN ARTIST.

Chicago Post.

Art patrons everywhere will be incensed when they hear that Richard Mansfield was so annoyed by the shouts of the multitude at the Roosevelt demonstration, unhappily near the theatre at which he is playing, that he was compelled to send a note to the chairman asking him to "suppress the disturbance" as "it is excessively annoying to me." With that impudence and arrogance characteristic of all politicians, the chairman paid not the slightest attention to this reasonable request, and the speaking and shouting went on just as if Mr. Mansfield were a thousand miles away. This contempt for art and its high priests naturally incenses Mr. Mansfield and sours his otherwise sweet and amiable disposition, but under existing conditions in this country at this time we do not see that we can do more than offer our sympathy and add our protest to his remonstrance. It may soothe Mr. Mansfield to reflect that this is Governor Roosevelt's last chance to make a noise before he goes into the retirement of the Vice-Presidential office for four years, while Mr. Mansfield has unbounded opportunity to disport himself.

SOME DAY.

Life.

Some day, when the obituary of the Theatrical Syndicate has been written, American theatre-goers will wonder why artistic endeavors like Arizona and Mistress Nell had to sneak into New York by stealth, when the coming of claptrap was widely heralded and room was always ready for the production of inferior or pernicious trash.

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ACTORS' SOCIETY'S AFFAIRS.

The Actors' Society of America is reported to be in the most prosperous condition that it has known since its organization; and with the increase in membership and corresponding increase in funds the officers are putting forward the various undertakings of the Society with more vigor every month. Every complaint made by members of dishonesty on the part of managers or players, and every report of unsanitary conditions existing in theatres, is immediately investigated by the officers. Last month a complaint was made regarding the unhealthy state of the dressing rooms in the Alhambra Theatre, Chicago. The Society at once notified the Board of Health of that city, and the matter was looked into. The chairman of the Board of Health wrote to the Society expressing his thanks for the information and promising that the evil would be remedied immediately.

The pecuniary prosperity of the organization is shown by the fact that the receipts for the month of October were double the sum received during October, 1899. One hundred and sixty new members have been elected during the past four months, and there are still many applications for membership yet to be acted upon.

The applicants who were elected to membership at the last meeting, Nov. 5, were as follows: Elizabeth Baker, Augustin Mellich, Mary Drummond Hay, Laurens Hascall, Fanny Barry Sprague, Helen Webber, Richard Sherman, Henry Reimar, Frank Loebe, Rachel Barr, Daniel F. Hallifax, George R. Sprague, Blossom Borden, Sarah Whitford, George Morton Price, Walter Hull Crosby, Frances Stevens, Frank Graham Budd, Monte Donico, Marcus Moriarty, Howard Kyle, F. J. McCarthy, Frank McGlynn, Charles F. Keane, Lillian A. Buckingham, Paul Bordenman, James A. Donnelly, and Ann Fairchild.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Prosperity Up at Home.

NOME, ALASKA, Oct. 17.

To the Editor of The Dramatic Mirror:

Sir: I want to say a few words for the theatrical public and for Alaska. Gold is here, and plenty of it. I have seen it on many creeks. The "caninity howlers" have traduced this country. It takes pluck, deprivations and some brain to get it.

It is healthful here. Nome has a water company, telephone and messenger service, one railroad (to Anvik), and one good theatre, the Standard, at which we have produced The Little Husar with great success for ten performances, and at which several dramas have been produced, with some vaudeville acts.

There is also an excellent hotel, the Golden Gate. "Lucky" Baldwin never brought a theatre outfit here, as has been announced. He has several good mines. I have dived into a number of mining ventures and expect to be in New York soon for business in Wall Street. Yours,

EMMA R. STEINER.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

[No replies by mail. No attention paid to anonymous, unperfected or irrelevant queries. No private addresses furnished. Letters addressed to members of the profession in care of THE MIRROR will be forwarded.]

Q. H. R., New York: Maurice Barrymore was at one time leading man with Olga Nethersole.

I. F. R., Chicago: Dramatists may be addressed in care of THE MIRROR.

L. C., Worcester, Mass., and L. E. J., Boston: Players may be addressed in care of THE MIRROR.

J. R., Atlanta, Ga.: Madame Jannussek has played Mother and Son.

R. S., New York: Clyde Fitch was born in this city on May 2, 1865.

Jon., Chicago: Jacob Litt, 1441 Broadway, may be able to give information concerning former members of his companies.

J. S. L., Savannah: A number of the popular price theatres in New York city have advertising curtains.

W. W. D., South Bend, Ind.: I. Miss Hobbs is not a dramatization of a novel. 2. Samuel French, 24 West Twenty-second Street, New York city, supplies published plays.

D. J. M., Denver: A Day and a Night was produced at the Garrick Theatre in this city on Aug. 30, 1898, and ran there until Oct. 22, 1898, being presented 53 times.

G., Macon, Ga.: "The Plays of Edwin Booth," edited by William Winter, were published in 1899 by the Penn Publishing Company, of Philadelphia. Hamlet is contained in the first part of the three volumes.

A. A. P., Pontiac, Mich.: "The Reminiscences of Felix Morris" were published by the International Telegram Company, 195 Broadway, New York city. We believe that this concern no longer exists, but the American News Company probably can supply the book.

MUSICAL, Detroit: The Guildhall School of Music was established by the Corporation of the City of London in 1880, for the purpose of affording opportunities for the study of music at moderate cost. All branches of vocal and instrumental music are taught, also elocution, gesture and deportment.

E. T., Pawtucket, R. I.: 1. James O'Neill first played Monte Cristo at Booth's Theatre, in this city, on Feb. 12, 1883. 2. Sam Sothern is the brother of E. H. Sothern. 3. Louis James played Othello to Edwin Booth's Iago with John T. Ford's company in Baltimore and Washington during the season of 1876-77. He played with Lawrence Barrett for five seasons, beginning in 1880.

THE PLAYERS' CHRONOLOGY.

November.

11. Dora Jordan's first appearance as Vida in Twelfth Night, 1785.
- Mrs. B. J. Bennoch's first appearance as Andromache, 1757.
- E. H. Sothern's appearance at the Haymarket, London, as Lord Dunsany, 1867.
- Robertson's Society produced, 1865.
- Debut, at the St. Charles Theatre, New Orleans, as Dignity in Family Jars, of Mark Smith, 1849.
12. Debut, at Metuchen, N. J., of Clara Fisher Mosher, 1808.
- Debut of Arthur Mayhew, 1712.
- American debut of Sarah Whately, at the Park Theatre, New York, 1805.
13. Birth of Edwin Booth, 1833.
- Opening of the National Theatre, Leonard and Church Streets, New York, 1833.
- Debut of Frank H. Murdoch, author of Davy Crockett, 1872.
14. Debut, at London, of Joseph Cowell, grandfather of Kate Bateman, 1863.
- Edmund Keen engaged for Drury Lane, 1813.
- First American appearance at Hammerstein's Manhattan, N. Y., of Mrs. Bernard Beere as Lena Despard, 1892.
- William H. Crane produced A Fool of Fortune at Macaulay's Theatre, Louisville, Ky., 1896.
15. Birth, at Colchester, England, of Laura Addison, 1822.
16. Debut, at New Orleans, of W. H. Riley, 1867.
- Birth, at Philadelphia, of E. S. Jack, 1825.
- Lost Paradise produced at Proctor's Theatre, New York, 1891.
- After Dark produced at Niblo's Theatre, New York, 1868.
17. Drury Lane riots, 1844.
- Birth, at 712 Sanson Street, Philadelphia, of William Warren, 1812.
- Debut of the Rev. Dr. G. A. Houghton 1807.
- Birth of John Henson, at Robert Town, Tasmania, 1844.

THE USHER.



The blunders of the *Sun's* dramatic department are a fruitful source of amusement, despite the fact that they are calculated to be fog and confuse the theatrical record.

In a review last week of the Irving Place Theatre performance of *From Step to Step*, the *Sun* remarked that it had taken twenty years for this play to reach New York.

The fact is that the original of Von Stufze zu Stufze was acted first in English in this country at the Walnut Street Theatre, on June 8, 1822, under the title of *Victorine*. It was played at the Old Bowery Theatre more than fifty years ago. A programme of the Philadelphia production hangs now in the stage entrance of Daly's Theatre. The play is published in French's Series.

The *Sun*, ignorant of the origin of the German plays, as it is of theatrical matters generally, considers it odd that it should have been such a long time getting here.

It was announced not long ago that Sag Harbor would continue at the Theatre Republic until the latter part of December, when in the Palace of the King would succeed it.

But Liebler and Company have changed their plan. Sag Harbor will have the Republic in a fortnight, and The Sprightly Romance of Marsene will follow it. Joseph Brooks, who is the manager of this attraction, having arranged with Liebler and Company for some of the block of "time" they hold at Mr. Hammerstein's theatre.

Presumably, Viola Allen and In the Palace of the King will appear there at the time agreed upon, although it has puzzled those that are familiar with the heavy scenic character of this production how it will be possible to get it on the Republic's small stage.

In spite of the hostile attitude of the theatrical powers that be Arizona, after a year's delay, came into New York and achieved a pronounced artistic and pecuniary success.

Arizona could play here to profitable business the greater part of the season were a theatre available. One would naturally suppose that as Mansfield does not intend to use the time he secured at the Herald Square the piece could continue without interruption on the stage where it is now running. But the Trust has a hold on the Herald Square—one of its members, I am told, went security for the present lessees—whereupon Arizona, which has kept clear of the Trust's tentacles and in whose profits the Trust has not been able to get a share, must pack up and get out at the expiration of the contract made before the theatre left Charles E. Evans' hands.

It is common talk, moreover, that the management of Arizona are finding many difficulties in securing a route after the New York run. The way to avoid such complications is to look in independent theatres. Henrietta Crossman, similarly treated by the Trust, will keep her skirts clear of its entanglements when she takes *Mistress Nell* on tour.

The actors and managers who require sympathy in the present extraordinary conditions that prevail in American theatrics are those who are forced—or, rather, who imagine that they are forced—to place themselves at the Trust's tender mercies. The few that maintain their self-respect and the respect of others by pursuing their own way without reference to the iniquitous "combine" are both happy and prosperous.

Next Sunday evening a dinner will be given at Sherry's by the American Dramatists' Club, to celebrate the achievements of the American drama.

The occasion promises to be interesting from several points of view. Besides all the distinguished American dramatic writers there will be present a group of prominent literary men whose works have recently formed the basis of successful plays.

Despite managerial assertions to the contrary the American dramatist is very much alive, and the scope of his activity will be represented and illustrated by the club's dinner on Sunday.

Joseph Haworth is in Boston with Dr. Muir for a couple of days. He went there to see the opening of *Quo Vadis* company, of which the doctor is part owner.

During Mr. Haworth's absence, Robert of Sicily rehearsals are going on without the King, which part he is to originate.

A few weeks ago it looked as if Robert of Sicily might not go out for lack of the sinews of war. In that emergency Dr. Muir was called in. He not only presided, but also

furnished the necessary pecuniary tonic, and the production, therefore, will take place.

Mighty is the force of example. The latest thing in "skindicates" is a scheme to unite the theatres situated in the small towns of ocean washed Long Island.

L. Beecher Homan, of Port Jefferson, is the originator of this brilliant idea, and he has secured the co-operation of the managers in Huntington, Northport, Patchogue, Sayville and Bay Shore. He expects also to obtain the consent of managers in half-a-dozen other centers of wealth and fashion on the Island, in order to form a two-weeks' circuit.

Of course it is claimed that the organization has no other purpose in view than the benefit of the dear public.

Margaret Overton, widow of Charles Overton and sister of Kate Claxton, has had an unfortunate experience in London, whereby she lost a small legacy, upon which she was dependent for her support and the education of her children.

"This legacy," Mrs. Overton writes, "was in the hands of the solicitors, Lake and Lake, formerly of 10 New Square, Lincoln's Inn. I had inherited it from my husband on the death of my father-in-law, which occurred a short time ago.

"There have been many cases of bankrupt solicitors here lately, but they seem to get hushed up. The firm of Lake and Lake was one of the oldest in Lincoln's Inn, and was thought to be as safe as the Bank of England. The members of the concern will probably go unpunished, and the breach of trust will be set down, very likely, to 'unfortunate investments.'"

Toronto playgoers are grumbling at the quality of the theatrical entertainment sent over the border for their delectation. A journalist of that city writes me as follows, citing a case in point:

"Dissatisfaction is felt here on account of the action of the trust, which looks the Grand Opera House, in dumping a No. 2 'Way Down East' company in Toronto. With the exception of this city and Montreal, this company does not play anywhere in places outside the category of one-night stands. The No. 1 company was at Detroit last week. It is thought that Toronto is being made a sort of refuse heap for inferior attractions."

What can Toronto, whose principal theatres are in the grip of the Trust, expect? The Trust cannot find enough first-class attractions to fill the time of its own theatres, much less to take care of those outlying theatres from which for making the bookings it derives only a "per cent."

AMERICAN ACADEMY MATINEE.

The first students' matinee of the season was given last Thursday afternoon at the Empire Theatre by the senior class of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. The performance marked the opening also of the seventeenth yearly course of public matinees given by the school, and the audience was fitting, both in size and quality, for the occasion. Among the auditors were several literary men of distinction, a large number of prominent members of the dramatic profession, and several scores of persons whose love of the drama has made them famous as first-nighters. It was an audience such as a professional actor would delight to play before.

Contrary to the usual custom of presenting several short plays, the officers of the Academy chose, upon this occasion, to produce a four-act drama, thereby giving the students at the very outset of their public career the responsibility of sustained endeavor. The idea, it would seem, is a good one, since it makes for the development of those qualities of stability and power bearing that, sooner or later, must be developed in the actor. It gives also a better disclosure of the talents of the young players, and above all, if the plan is carried out continuously through the season, it will bring to light original plays that, owing to the difficulties that beset the unknown American dramatist, might never gain a public hearing.

The play produced on Thursday afternoon is one representative of the class mentioned. It is entitled *The Tory's Guest*, and is the work of Victor Mapes, whose name, though well known in the magazine and newspaper world, is unfamiliar in connection with dramatic composition.

The Tory's Guest is a far better play than many written by modern experienced dramatists. Its faults are not so serious but that they may be corrected, and its merits are sufficient to make it worthy a place on the regular stage. The plot is based upon a certain incident in the career of General Washington during the period of the Revolutionary War. Beyond this pivotal point the play is not historical, except in so far as it presents a picture—and apparently a true picture—of the atmosphere and conditions of the time. The opening act discloses the genesis of a scheme, framed by Caspar Moulton, and his friends, Barton and Haight, to lure General Washington by a dinner invitation to Moulton's house, near the Hudson, and there to have him captured by the British soldiers, quartered in the neighborhood. Ruth Langdon, a ward of Moulton's, is in love with George Richmond, a young officer in the Continental Army. Unknown to them both a twin brother of Richmond's is a lieutenant of the British company stationed near by. George Richmond is taken prisoner by the enemy, and at the same point in the story Ruth is led into the belief that her lover and the young British officer are identical. She immediately concludes that he is a spy and a villain, though in doing so she exhibits a credulous and suspicious nature not altogether pleasing in a heroine. An exchange of prisoners is made which frees Richmond. He makes his way to the Moulton home, and while there is mistaken by the British soldiers for his brother, the British officer. Through this circumstance he gains possession of information concerning the plot to capture General Washington. Also he regains the confidence of Ruth, and together they frustrate the plan of the conspirators.

The chief faults of the drama lie in the improbability of certain of the situations and the reconciliation of the lovers at a point too early in the play. Also the humorous episodes are not integral parts of the main theme. The device of the good and bad twin brothers, who are mistaken for each other, is, of course, very hackneyed, but it is one of the standard materials of play making, and when properly employed is so effective that no dramatist is to be blamed for using it. Mr. Mapes has used it to advantage. A distinct virtue of the play is the manner in which the love interest and the melodramatic interest march forward abreast. Another virtue lies in the distinctiveness of the character drawing, and a third virtue, somewhat rare—is the purity of the play from beginning to end. The

opportunity for scenic display is meagre, which is a fault of the reverse according to individual taste. The first setting shows the interior of Caspar Moulton's house, the second a room in the British headquarters, and the third and fourth acts have the same setting as the first.

The parts were distributed as follows:

George	Wallace Worsley
Harry	Edmund Liston
General Washington	Robert Siddle
Caspar Moulton	Cornelius Garrigan
Joe Moulton	Robert L. Sanford
Barton	Abraham Kaufman
Haight	John L. Roy Atwell
Schmidt	Herman Lechner
Captain Murphy	William C. de Mille
Colonel Buckner	Austin Webb
Major Randall	Henry Logan
Sergeant Ruby	George R. Cooper
Partridge	Herbert Pollard
Stone	Hugo Goldsmith
Ordeley	L. Wallace Owen
First Soldier	George H. Nichols
Second Soldier	Bernard Collins
Third Soldier	Harry M. Goldberg
Fourth Soldier	Thomas Messer
A Countryman	Melville Jeffrey
Paul	Paula Goepel
Ruth Langdon	Julia Marie Taylor
Irene Miffin	Grace Whitworth
Rose Barton	Susan Halpern
Jenny	Jessie Church
Maggie	

The presentation was, in the main, quite satisfactory, although, naturally, the inexperience of the players was frequently apparent. They kept well to the key of the drama, they acted earnestly, and some of them displayed talents above the average. Wallace Worsley, who played the two roles of George and Harry, the twin brothers, was particularly worthy of praise. He surmounted the difficulties of his trying task adroitly, and the only grave errors that he made were clearly occasioned by his desire to make the two characters distinct from each other. Thus he made George a bit more somber and Harry a bit more frivolous than they should have been. Edmund Liston gave a remarkably dignified, simple and impressive impersonation of General Washington. Robert Siddle came very near to being a capital old man in the character of Caspar Moulton. His make-up was excellent and there was much to admire in his manner and speech. But he stepped out of character occasionally, thereby destroying the effect of his work that preceded and followed these lapses. Cornelius Garrigan's performance in the role of Joe Moulton was first-rate box comedy. Robert L. Sanford was a bit too tragical as Barton. John Le Roy Atwell did a telling bit of character work as Schmidt, and Austin Webb by his robust and skilful work made the rather small part of Major Randall stand out splendidly. The other men in the cast were not so successful. Some of them presented ludicrously boyish figures in the roles in which they appeared, and nearly all of them overacted.

Paula Goepel, who impersonated the girlish heroine, Ruth Langdon, possesses nearly all of the attributes desirable in a leading woman. She is attractive in appearance and manner, and her voice has a fine sympathetic, womanly quality. Her acting was pleasing always, but not always as polished as might be desired. Susan Halpern gave a very creditable performance as Jennie. Julia Marie Taylor as Irene Miffin was at one instant a clanging-toned vixen and at the next a most subdued young gentlewoman. Could she have struck an average between these two extremes her impersonation would have been more human and far more agreeable. Grace Whitworth and Jessie Church were acceptable in the minor roles of Rose Barton and Maggie. The stage management of Charles Jehlinger was excellent.

On Dec. 11 the students will present a new romantic drama by Evelyn Greenleaf Sutherland and Percy Wallace Mackaye, entitled *A Maid of Leyden*.

LEE ARTHUR'S NEW PLAY.

Down Yonder in Georgia is the title chosen by Lee Arthur for the new play that he has just completed for David Belasco. Like *We Tins* of Tennessee, it has its scene in a part of the country with which Mr. Arthur is thoroughly familiar, and it is promised that among the characters concerned there are several types that have not hitherto been represented on the stage. Mr. Arthur said yesterday to a Mirror reporter that the play will be produced either in the latter part of this season or early next Autumn. "I think," said the playwright, "that *Down Yonder in Georgia* will show considerable improvement over my earlier works. It was written under the direction of David Belasco and upon his order. To him, indeed, I am deeply indebted for encouragement and assistance, and I especially appreciate his kindness, since at the present time so few American managers are producing plays by American dramatists.

Immediately after the production of *We Tins* of Tennessee, Mr. Belasco asked me to submit a scenario to him, promising that if it suited him he would give me an order for the play and produce it within a limited time. This offer was entirely voluntary on Mr. Belasco's part. I set to work and spent fourteen months writing and rewriting the play. Now, thanks to the assistance of Mr. Belasco, it is, I think, in excellent form. I expect to continue to be associated with Mr. Belasco. He has given me an order for another new play, to be finished by the first of May. It will be in a new line for me, as the scenes are to be laid in New York and the characters will not be Southerners."

SAID TO THE MIRROR.

AMY LEE: "The Red Cat has closed. It is foolish to try to fight against public opinion. The public would not have *The Red Cat*. All the company have secured good engagements. I play a special engagement at the Grand Theatre, Philadelphia, week of Nov. 19. I have received offers from two well-known managers to star in melodrama, as well as an offer to use the first act of *The Red Cat* in vaudeville, changing the time, but have decided on nothing yet."

GEORGE E. GILL: "I wish *The Mirror* to contradict the published report that *The Angel of the Alley* has closed. It has not closed and there is no intention of closing, as business is good."

P. F. THOMPSON: "This is the twenty-eighth year of the Kerry Gax, and the twenty-sixth of Shuman Rhoe. Last week in Detroit Joseph Murphy extended courtesies to 300 orphans of St. Vincent's Asylum, and Jeannette Ferrell, his leading lady, gave each child a box of candy."

PERSONAL.

STODART.—Robert Stodart has a thoughtful article in the *Independent* of Nov. 1 on "The Endowed Theatre Idea." He cites the fact that gifts and bequests were made to various institutions by wealthy persons during 1898 in the aggregate sum of \$38,000,000, and instances the establishing at Berdorf, near Vienna, of a theatre for his workmen by Herr Krupp and of "a library, music hall and clubhouse" at Homestead by Andrew Carnegie as suggestions that an endowed theatre is a possibility of the future, and holds that the people eventually would so patronize such an institution that it would be "endowed" in name only.

POTTER.—Mrs. Brown Potter has denied in London the report that she would act in Australia next spring.

HAWORTH.—Joseph Haworth's tour in Robert of Sicily will begin, it is said, on Nov. 26 or 27.

EDOUIN.—Willie Edouin arrived in town on Nov. 3, after an absence of sixteen years, to open in Florida.

NETHERSOLE.—Ogla Nethersole reached this port from England on Nov. 4 to resume her representation of *Sapho*. According to report, she is negotiating with Maurice Grau to manage her in a tour of Europe.

HOWLAND.—Jobyna Howland and Arthur Stringer, the Canadian poet, were married recently in this city.

PARISH.—Grant Parish and the late John Russell Young, Librarian of Congress, were interested in gathering for the National Library at Washington a collection of books covering the history of the drama in America. Among the volumes presented by Mr. Parish were nine years of *The Mirror*.

RUSH.—Isadore Rush has been engaged with the Rogers Brothers in Central Park, succeeding Della Fox.

REHAN.—Ada Rehan will follow Maude Adams at the Knickerbocker, presenting Paul Kester's *Sweet Nell of Old Drury*. Miss Adams will remain at the Knickerbocker until Dec. 29.

MANFIELD.—Richard Mansfield, it is said, has tried in rehearsal *Monsieur Beaucaire* and some of the other new plays that he had announced for this season, but they have failed, so it is told, to pan out as advertised. His company is now reported to be rehearsing the old standby, *Ben Brummell*, which may be used for a matinee piece.

BUCHANAN.—Robert Buchanan, who is suffering from an attack of paralysis, has been removed from his town home in London to the suburbs, in the hope that the country air may benefit him.

JAMES.—Louis James wrote for a recent issue of the *Buffalo Courier* an interesting essay upon the revival of popular taste for the better sort of plays and especially the ever increasing love for the works of Shakespeare.

EDISON.—Robert Edison succeeded Aubrey Bonciant last Friday as King Charles II in *Mistress Nell* with Henrietta Crossman at the Savoy, securing successfully.

JEFFERSON.—An exhibition of paintings by Joseph Jefferson is to be held in the Fisher Gallery, Washington, D. C., in December.

VALE.—Nellie Vale has been engaged by W. A. Brady to play *Lady Sybil Elton*, the role originated by Mary Shaw, in the *Sorrows of Satan*.

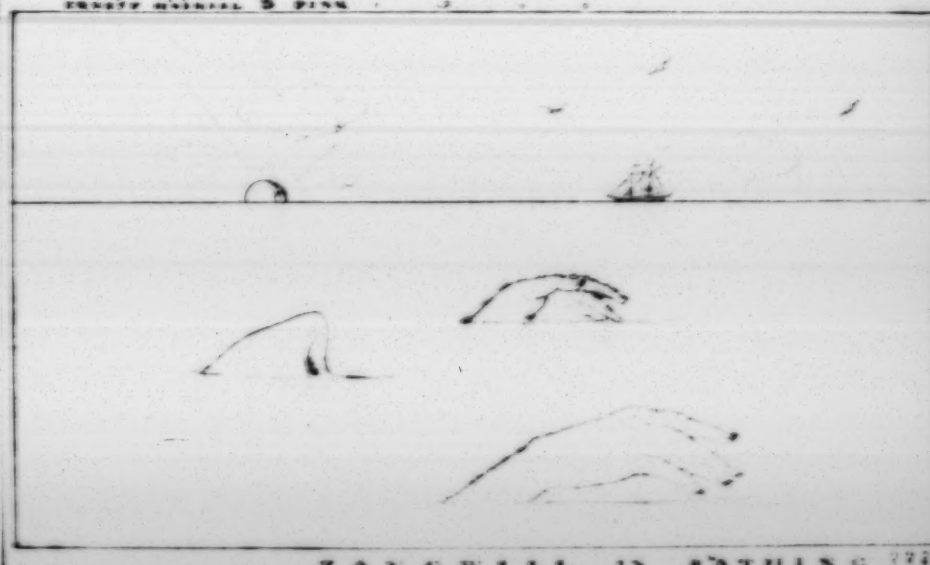
CRAWFORD.—F. Marion Crawford arrived from Europe last week, his chief purpose being to see Viola Allen in *Lorimer Stoddard's* dramatization of his novel, "In the Palace of the King."

WHEELOCK.—Joseph Wheelock will star next season under management of John W. Hamilton in a new version of *Ten Nights in a Bar Room*.

ELDRIDGE.—"Aunt" Louisa Eldridge has gone to Albany to represent the Professional Woman's League at the convention of the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs.

SOTHERN.—E. H. Sothern still being incapacitated by the injury to his foot, his opening at the Harlem Opera House has been deferred until Thursday evening.

RICE.—Fanny Rice is endeavoring to secure from Maurice Campbell, manager of Henrietta Crossman, the Southern and Western rights to *Mistress Nell*.



ZANGWILL IN BATHING

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to Lennox as Kutisha. It is enough to say that in the hands of the alternates the standard of the

First night's performance was upheld. The same principals will appear through this week. Next week Emeralds, Mignon and Il Trovatore will be presented.

Star—The Great White Diamond.

Melodrama in four acts, by Walter Fessler. Produced Nov. 5.

Robert Thorne, Frank Bonitz, George Van Hook, David Davies, Duke Boone, Harry West, Sir Edmund Lancelotti, George Brenton, John Brentwood, John Beaton, John Spingarn, Edward Brennan, Ned Gordon, Ben Edwards, Elmer Johnson, Clark Martinetti, Mike Rooney, Edwin Martinetti, Tom Anderson, Harry Martinetti, John Bruce, Florence Huntley, Maggie Lancelotti, Alice Gilmore, Edith Lancelotti, Juliet Dornigman.

A large, demonstrative audience packed the Star Theatre on Nov. 5. They were there long before the curtain rang up, anxious and ready to applaud virtue and heroism and to hiss villainy. The Great White Diamond, from the pen of Walter Fessler, afforded them many opportunities to engage in this sort of thing, and they did it with a vim and energy seldom equaled even at this house.

The author has made some radical departures from the conventional lines long followed by writers of this kind of stage literature. For instance, none of the characters in The Great White Diamond is killed outright. Meats axes, sand bags, revolvers and knives are used for purposes of atmosphere and coloring only. They are never brought into action. Chloroform in homeopathic doses, scientifically administered by Mr. Fessler, who plays the villain, is the only threatening agent employed.

Mr. Fessler says in the programme note that he took a part of the story of his play by permission of publishers, from Frank Barr's novel, "The Great Hesper." He also informs the unenlightened that a neytalops is one who is blind in the light, but can see in the dark. The villain happens to be a neytalops.

The plot is not an involved one. Three men and a girl, the daughter of one of the party, arrive in London from Africa, in a diamond-poor state. That is, they have in their possession a stone worth several millions, but are otherwise penniless. They go to see a retired banker, who advances them a small loan and offers them shelter for the night. This is accepted. One of their number, the hero, is given the treasure to care for. The neytalops, who is one of the miners, chloroforms him and steals the diamond. While engaged in hiding it he is discovered by the girl, who captures the jewel. Her jealous love for the hero keeps her from clearing up the mystery of the theft. She and her father go to America, where she buries the diamond. The hero and villain arrive on the scene by separate routes. The latter starts in again to chloroform people. An Irish telegraph operator is his first victim, and then he puts the girl to sleep and places her in a mail bag that has been hung on a crane ready to be caught by a passing express train. She is rescued in the nick of time by the hero, once more she is waylaid and chloroformed as usual. The villain looks her in an old mill and sets it on fire, but the hero, aided by several friends, St. Louis, performs a sort of Span of Life act. It looks a little more dangerous and inspires the gallery to the roof-raising point. The diamond is restored and the hero marries the heroine.

Frank Bonitz, as Robert Thorne, the hero, looked manly and managed to strike the right note and to avoid exaggeration. Walter Fessler was roundly hissed for his excellent interpretation of the villainous neytalops. Florence Huntley was charming and artistic as Lola Bruce, "the kid." So thoroughly was the audience in sympathy with her that even the irrepressible gallery gods refrained from interrupting the love scene between her and the hero, Edward Brennan deserves praise for two character bits, an Irish telegraph operator and an English valet, Harry West and Alice Gilmore made bits with their specialties. The rest of the cast gave admirable support.

Mr. Fessler has another money-winner in The Great White Diamond.

TWO LITTLE VAGRANTS.

Edward C. White's Two Little Vagrants company opened at the Star Theatre Monday night for a week's engagement. Adequate stage-management and an excellent cast, which included Arthur Fogler, Seth C. Halsey, Del La Barre, Katherine Vincent, Neva Harrison, Lotie Ericson, and Annie Bodden, helped to arouse the usual packed house to enthusiasm.

American—Michael Strogoff.

The stock company revived Michael Strogoff on Nov. 5 before a large audience. It is understood that the play was not put in rehearsal until the Tuesday preceding production, but with all allowance for this fact and the other exigencies of stock work it is hard to find excuse for a performance so careless and so often absurd. There have been stock companies that have changed their bills twice a week yet have never offered a representation quite as shiftless as this.

Michael Strogoff, of course, in present day eyes is a pretty clumsy old play, no matter which of the sundry versions is considered. Still there is no reason why it should not be presented consistently and with some show of pains. One can forgive the players for tripping lines, even for calling others by the names of their own characters, but there are other things less easily condoned.

The officials at Moscow, at the period of the play, maybe would have derived their war news from a New York "yellow" evening paper of this day. Nadia doubtless would have journeyed miles in the Siberian snows in a neat pair of high-heeled shoes that kept their polish through snow and ice. A young woman probably would have shown up outside a Russian frontier post-house to sing a concert hall song about a "Painy Cigarette," all for her own diversion. The steel meant to burn out Michael's eyes perhaps would have been heated over a sixteen-candle power electric lamp in a tiny pink shade on a pretty brass standard brought in with the wire trailing blandly behind, and it must have been easy to get an electric current on the Siberian steppes in those days. But it is needless to go on with particulars.

Ralph Stuart, aside from keeping the stage waiting at every possible opportunity, gave a creditable performance as Strogoff. Thomas J. Keogh and Frank E. Camp were amusing as the correspondents, behaving quite unlike newspaper men, but that is in the play. Norman A. Sheldon gave a fine, clear-cut, dignified portrayal of the Emir. E. L. Snader was an acceptable Kizartoff, and Frank Linden doubled two official porters well enough, overlooking sundry trippings. Julia Blane offered a capital sketch as Strogoff's mother, and Mary Hampton and Isabelle Eysson were acceptable as Nadia and the Gipsy.

The scenery was only fair, the same back cloth serving for two widely differing scenes, and there were some amazing revelations in way of light effects, the air waxing blue, green or red by turns with extraordinary frequency.

Last evening the company appeared in Cumberland 61, and, possibly owing to the fact that the scenes of the play are laid in America, the players approached nearer to reality than they did in the Russian play. Cumberland 61 suited the methods of the company excellently. Ralph Stuart impersonated Dirk Kamscott with considerable force, and the impressionistic style of acting employed by Mary Hampton was in keeping with her character of Alice Ainsley. Frank Linden, as Benner Ainsley, was vigorous and melodramatic. Frank E. Camp was a very stiff Gordon Grayne, and Norman A. Sheldon a rather low comedy John Leary. George Weller acted the role of Frank with much of a beautiful and thoroughly attractive Mrs. Victor. The other parts were fairly well played and the scenery was adequate. Next week The Two Orphans.

Third Avenue—The Wolves of New York.

The play last week at the Third Avenue Theatre was The Wolves of New York, and from the size of the audiences it appeared that Leonard Grover's somewhat time-worn comedy-drama has still many admirers. The production was in all respects satisfactory. The scenery was appropriate and well set, the sensational effects were cleverly managed, and, above all, the parts were well played. The attraction well suited Manager Sheldon's enthusiastic patrons. Harry Little made the most of the attractive role of Robin O'Malley. Edward Locke was a wickedly impressive Harry Skidmore, and Howard Messner was true to the traditions of rural comedy as Farmer Cockendall. Florence Thropp, as Millie Drayton, acted with grace and refinement and gave to the character precisely the desirable touch of pathos. Gertrude Geisert was very tender and appealing in her impersonation of Marion, the blind girl, and Alice Anderson was a very agreeable Grand-mama Drayton. Others in the cast whose work was especially creditable were Henry Wood as Pud Flitters; John J. Farley as Otto Plumber, and J. W. Pike as Farmer Brewer. Between the acts Bryan Ricknell won great applause by his expert modeling in clay.

SLAVES OF OPIUM.

Melodrama in three acts, by M. E. Hanley. Produced Nov. 12.

Larry O'Connell, Francis Cummings, Duddy Jones, John A. Boone, Baron de Esta, M. E. Hanley, George Melbourne, J. McGowan, Won Tong, A. Van Cook, Chin Foo, Richard Eastman, Arthur Keeley, George Middleton, Sam, Louis Winters, Mrs. Wilson, Catherine Knight, Crazy Jane, Cora Bell, Mary Brown, Charlie Delmar, Kate Elliott, Frank Baines, Grace, May Lytton, Flip, Amy Hanley.

Last evening the auditorium of the Third Avenue Theatre was packed to the doors with an audience eager to witness the first performance in New York of M. E. Hanley's new melodrama, entitled Slaves of Opium. It is hardly necessary to say more than that the sensational play was enjoyed, from beginning to end, by the patrons of the gallery and pit. The scenic surprises were sufficient in number and quality, many of the situations were strikingly intense, and the story developed through the three acts was enthralling.

The melodrama possesses most of the attractive features of the "Chinatown school" of dramatic composition and has, besides, several novel elements. It is an impressionistic picture of a certain phase of metropolitan life—and a picture that will appeal strongly to lovers of melodrama. The scenes of the three acts represent a street in Chinatown, the interior of an opium joint and the home of a well-to-do New York family.

The play was acted in admirable fashion and was staged attractively. Francis Cummings as Larry O'Connell won the hearts of the auditors at once by his capable and earnest impersonation. M. E. Hanley played the Baron de Esta with a telling touch of villainy; John A. Boone was a very satisfactory Duddy Jones, and J. McGowan acted the role of George Melbourne most creditably. As Flip, a wait, Amy Hanley made an immediate hit and through the performance she was the chief favorite of the audience. The other roles were without exception acted in a thoroughly acceptable manner and the various specialties introduced were cordially applauded. Next week, Remember the Maine.

Murray Hill—The Nominee.

The election week bill at the Murray Hill Theatre was, appropriately, The Nominee, and despite its age the comedy proved a capital vehicle for the display of the lighter talents of the Henry V. Donnelly stock company. William Bramwell, as Jack Medford, acted energetically—sometimes even boisterously—and carried forward the scenes in which he was engaged with dash and spirit, if not always with artistic polish. Walter Allen was an excellent Leopold Barton in every respect, and Charles D. Waldron played the role of Colonel Murray very agreeably. Thomas L. Coleman was not quite up to his usual standard as Porter Vane. He exhibited more of his mannerisms than of his talents. John Westley acted the small part of Pete agreeably but in colorless fashion. Dorothy Donnelly was in her best comedy mood in her impersonation of Mabel Medford. Laura Hope Crews was an attractive Rose Van Barclay. Mrs. Thomas Barry, as Mrs. Van Barclay, played with delightful sincerity, and Rose Stuart was a sufficiently alluring adventuress as Annie Harrington.

THE PRINCESS AND THE BUTTERFLY.

Last evening the company appeared in Arthur W. Pinero's comedy, The Princess and the Butterfly, and barring the fact that many of the players did not quite rise to the atmosphere of social distinction demanded by the play, the performance was very satisfactory. William Bramwell was an agreeable, polished Sir George Lamont, appealing and manly always. Thomas L. Coleman as Maxine Pennally exhibited his current methods of acting admirably. Charles D. Waldron was an excellent Edward Ariel, Walter Allen a very capable Mr. St. Roche, and William Edmund a very dignified and impressive Sir Robert Chichele.

Rose Stuart, as the Princess Pamonia, acted with fine grace and feeling. The role afforded her the best opportunity that she has had this season, and she played it so delightfully that she will doubtless be, hereafter, one of the chief favorites of Manager Donnelly's organization. Dorothy Donnelly, as Fay Zuliani, acted in her accustomed attractive manner and received her usual share of the applause. Laura Hope Crews was a particularly good Annis Marsh, and Mrs. Thomas Barry gave a very enjoyable impersonation of Lady Kingstead. The many minor characters were in capable hands, and the stage management was excellent. Next week, Sheridan, or The Maid of Bath.

Wallack's—Sapho.

Olga Nethersole reappeared last evening in Sapho, giving the same somewhat toned-down performance which she affected after her trial last Spring. The remarkable thing, after said trial, was how many little insinuations and suggestions might be omitted, and the same held good last evening.

Beyond Miss Nethersole in the title part, and Fred Thorne as Cessaire, the cast was very nearly new. Frank Farrington, as the poet, this time as Dr. Potter, George Weller as Pechelotte, Roydon Erlyson, as Elmer, and Jackson Hurlock as Heltona, F. H. Lange as Calcuta, Eleanor Carey as Madeleine, Helen Hartout as Devonne, Victor Goodall as Irene, and Anna Stanton as the Dore.

G. Harrison Hunter, the new leading man, gave a creditable performance in the distinctly uncomfortable role of Jean, and all of the players did, perhaps, as well as might be expected in such an atrociously bad play.

Metropolis—A Young Wife.

One of the successes of last season, A Young Wife, is seen at the Metropolis this week. It is from the pen of J. K. Tiltford, and the plot tells the story of the good and bad sons of an old New York banker. The young wife of the good son is accused of murdering the banker. She believes her husband is the murderer and seeks to protect him. After many thrilling adventures—the slums of New York, in which a verdant Vermont of the innocent bride, the mystery is cleared up and the bad son punished. In the cast are Selma Herman, John S. Brotherton, Albert Lee, Adolph Jackson, John T. Nicholson, John L. Wooderson, Richard Williams, Charles B. Craig, Mark Fenton, James J. De Barre, and others. The original scenery and effects are used.

At Other Playhouses.

FOURTEENTH STREET.—Lost River was played last night by the Boston company, the New York company going on to present the play in Boston, each for one week only. The newer company compared favorably with the one already popular here, and especial hits were recorded by Hallett Thompson and Violet Rand. Miss Rand will continue in the play here, changing places with Mary Sanders, who will stay in Boston.

ACADEMY.—James O'Neill in Monte Cristo is drawing crowds, and seats are selling six weeks in advance.

BELLEVILLE.—May Irwin has caught on in The Belle of Bridgeport.

REPUBLIC.—James A. Herne remains until Dec. 1 in Sag Harbor.

SAVOY.—Henrietta Crossman in Mistress Nell has begun her sixth week.

MANHATTAN.—Grace George has a substantial success in Her Majesty.

HERALD SQUARE.—Arizona is in its tenth week.

VICTORIA.—The Rogers Brothers in Central Park is the bill. The Star and Garter, Nov. 26.

KNICKERBOCKER.—Maude Adams remains in L'Aiglon.

EMPIRE.—John Drew continues in Richard Third.

GAIETY.—William H. Crane offers David Harum.

MADISON SQUARE.—Peter F. Bailey has a success in Hedge, Fodge and Company, wherein Charlie Macdonald scores an immense hit.

GARDEN.—Richard Mansfield stays until Nov. 24 in King Henry V. Sarah Bernhardt and M. Coquelin in L'Aiglon, Nov. 26.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—James J. Jeffries, the pugilist, appears this week as the "star" of a play called A Man from the West.

DAILY'S.—San Toy is very prosperous.

LIVELY.—A Royal Family continues.

LULU GLASER AS A STAR.

(Special to The Mirror.)

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 12.

At the Empire Theatre to-night Lulu Glaser made her debut as a star, presenting for the first time Sweet Anne Page, a three-act comic opera, book by Louis de Lange and Edgar Smith; music by W. H. Neidlinger. The cast:

Redoubt Folk:

Anne Page, Lulu Glaser, Fred Fear, Dame Moll Page, Arthur, Randolph Curry, Tom Styles, Arthur, Randolph Curry, Jan, Randolph Curry, Frank, Randolph Curry, Rab, Randolph Curry, Thomas E. Whitbread, Liz, Randolph Curry, Harry, Randolph Curry, Judy, Randolph Curry, Marguitta, Randolph Curry, Ellen, Randolph Curry, Grace, Randolph Curry, Elsie, Randolph Curry, May, Randolph Curry, Bob, Randolph Curry, Adelle, Randolph Curry.

Black Folk:

Justice Sir Puddingstone Partridge, Gilbert Clayton, Lady Arabella Partridge, Frank, Randolph Curry, Sir Humphrey Fox, Randolph Curry, Clerk of Court, Randolph Curry, Constable, W. C. White, Landlord, Thomas E. Whitbread, Church, Randolph Curry, Harry, Randolph Curry, Crier, Randolph Curry, Ole Norman, Tipstaff, Randolph Curry, L. D. Schenk, Courier, Randolph Curry, Osborne, Randolph Curry.

White Folk:

Uncle Davy, Gilbert Clayton, Young Davy, W. S. Smith, Arthur, Randolph Curry, Thomas E. Whitbread, Meg, Randolph Curry, Dady, Randolph Curry.

Holland Folk:

William, Prince of Orange, Randolph Curry, Myndert Van Schank, William, Randolph Curry, London Townfolk:

Chevalier St. Henry, Harold Blake, Sally Peachum, Greta Easley, Adrastus Katozozum, Alexander Clark.

The action of the opera occurs in Devonshire, England, just before the landing of William of Orange. Miss Glaser plays the title-role, that of a girl of noble birth, brought up by a miserly uncle in ignorance of her true rank. She falls in love with a young Devon yeoman, Tom Styles, but her uncle wishes her to wed the Chevalier St. Henry, a court beau. To escape this marriage Anne Page runs away with a band of strolling players. After many adventures she and Tom are united.

The opera tells a pretty story; the comedy element is not wanting; there are a number of graceful lyrics and Mr. Neidlinger's score is attractive. Miss Glaser acted and sang charmingly, endowing the part with vivacity and magnetism. She was warmly applauded. Others deserving special mention are Alexander Clark, Arthur, Randolph Curry, Harold Blake, William, Randolph Curry, and Greta Easley. The settings were handsome and the chorus excellent. Max Freeman staged the production.

EMANUEL LEDERER'S TRIP.

Emanuel Lederer, the American representative of leading German playwrights, returned from abroad on Saturday by the Lucania. A Munich man saw Mr. Lederer at his office and questioned him about his trip.

"My visit was a business one," said Mr. Lederer, "and consequently I was hard at work most of the time. I left here early in September and went to London, where I have opened an office. My dealings with the English managers have increased to such an extent that I have found it necessary to take this step, and shall spend a portion of the year in London hereafter. George Alexander probably will produce an adaptation of a German comedy that I have had adapted, and many other negotiations, of which it would be unwise to speak at present, are also in progress."

From London I went to Berlin and thence to Vienna, Munich, Hamburg, Leipzig, Baden-Poeth, back to Berlin and London again, and then home. Naturally I attended the theatres often and most of the current successes in London and Berlin. I was much impressed by Berthold Tree's production of Stephen Phillips' play Herod, at Her Majesty's. Never have I seen so magnificent, so artistic a production. Mr. Tree gives a powerful performance of Herod and Maude Jeffries is superb as Mariamne. George Alexander's new play, A Debt of Honor, is also capital. Mr. Alexander, Fay Davis and Julie Opp make an admirable trio. At Munich I was present at the performances of the Nibelungen Ring. Fully seven-eighths of the people in the audiences were American, and I seemed to be in New York rather than in Munich.

As to the results of my trip, they were in every respect successful. My relations with the most prominent German authors are closer than ever before. I have brought with me a large number of their plays. Some of the titles I do not care to disclose at this time, but of others I may tell you. For instance, there is a modern society drama, Bolla, by a new author, that is unusually strong and has a fine role for a woman star. Then there is Any Price, a comedy by the Countess von Strachwitz, that will probably be done by George Alexander. The Key of Love, a comedy that has run over seventy-five nights in Berlin, and Der Auszug ins Sittliche, a keenly satirical comedy by George Engel. There is a little story attached to this play. It was at first prohibited by the censor, as it mirrored German society rather too truly. Then its production was permitted in the provinces, where it attained great success. I understand that it will shortly be done in Berlin, the prohibition being withdrawn. I have also a play called The Vivisector, by E. K. Lutz, that is to be done in England. W. M. a Russian comedy by Bruno Kohler. Heaven on Earth, a successful musical comedy. In Purgatory, a strong play by Ernst Gierke and Alexander Engel, and Paul Peil, a very amusing light comedy dealing with auto-modeling, that has been accepted by the Court Theatre, Berlin.

Of operatic works, I have also secured many notably Der Wahrheitsmunde; Ferron's The Emerald; Kienzel's Des Evangelium's; Tschon's Santa Lucia; Lortzing's posthumous work, Regina; D'Albert's Kain; Siegfried Wagner's

great success, Der Brennerstein, and Dellinger's Das Chansette. "These are only a few out of many," concluded Mr. Lederer. "Another thing pertaining to the piles of manuscripts about the room: I think I have enough plays to supply every theatre in America with anything from grand opera to farce-comedy."

THE FRANCOIS DISPUTE.

The Adventures of Francois included its engagement at the Park Theatre, Philadelphia, on Saturday night and at the same time ended its connection with its producers, Liebler and Company.

The relinquishment of the play has occasioned a good deal of discussion. George C. Tyler, of Liebler and Company, desired radical changes to be made in the play. To these the author would not consent. Hence, the difference that reached a climax in the management and playing the play entirely. Mr. Mitchell stated his position at length one day last week in an interview that appeared in the Philadelphia Press. The questions involved and the facts disclosed are especially interesting to dramatic authors, as well as to the general public.

"The real point of this unfortunate dispute," Mr. Mitchell said, "concerns the nature of the changes which Mr. Tyler asks me to make. He has proposed a number of alterations. Typical of these suggestions is the following reconstruction of the last act: That the third Francois, should return as a hero of the battle of Marong, and should marry Charlie, the daughter of a French marquis of the old regime, and thus end the play. I think I need make no comment on that marriage. Whether Francois was to return as a marshal of France, or a major-general, or a general, or a colonel, or a captain was not stipulated, but a hero he was positively to be."

"Other changes which Mr. Tyler desired me to make have already been injected, particularly in the third act, but while I have been passive in my attitude toward them, the public must not hold me personally responsible. Thus, Mr. Tyler has interpolated his own third act as it is now in the performance. The act as a whole is a debauched version of my third act, ending with the following sensational mechanical device: Francois is condemned to be shot. He says, 'Oh, I cannot bear the sight of the guns,' or something to that effect. He returns then to his booth. The soldiers are ordered to fire into the booth. They obey, and after the volley the booth falls to pieces as if it were a trick cabinet made for that purpose. Mr. Francois can then be seen there, but immediately afterwards the mechanism appears hanging on the wall over the gate of Paris a hundred feet in the air. How he got there no man knows. I commend the scene to those critics and the brilliant audience who enjoyed the scene as it originally stood. This scene and the other changes of which I have spoken will be sufficient to show the kind of play that Mr. Tyler desired me to make out of The Adventures of Francois."

"Now, Mr. Tyler asked me originally to write a play that would appeal to the most intelligent and cultivated audience, the same audience that Rocky Sharp appealed to. He now desires me to write a play which would appeal to what I believe are known as the 'ten, twenty and thirty' audience. I refuse to comply with such a proposition, and I am sure that every lover and well-wisher of the theatre will thank me for the stand I take. There you have the pith of the whole question. Shall I turn The Adventures of Francois into a purely sensational melodrama? That I refuse to do."

IN WALL STREET.

John C. Fischer, of the firm of Dunne, Ryley and Fischer, has secured the rights to the burlesque, In Wall Street, the Rogers Brothers' successful vehicle last season. David Bloch, of Toledo, a new man in the theatrical field, will be associated with Mr. Fischer in the venture. The attraction will open on Christmas eve at the Bijou, Brooklyn. As far as can be ascertained, Judah Rose has been the only person of note engaged.

THE LYRIC, CHICAGO, BURNED.

The Lyric Theatre, Chicago, was burned late yesterday (Monday) afternoon. The house has been under the management of Hurlig and Samson for the past year and was devoted to burlesque.

QUES.

Digby Bell made a pronounced success as Ko Ko in The Mikado at the Metropolitan last week. Manager Sartorius desired to have Mr. Bell continue in the part this week, but it was impossible to secure a release from Manager Chase, of the Lyceum Theatre, Baltimore, as he had billed Mr. Bell and did not wish to disappoint his patrons. Mr. Savage offered Mr. Bell the part of the Admiral in Pinafore, but he could not accept it for the reason that an engagement at Keith's in this city would prevent.

Mr. and Mrs. John Drew will give a reception at their home in this city on Nov. 22 to introduce their daughter, Louise Drew, who appeared once last season as Mrs. Parbury's maid in The Tyranny of Tears.

Hovell Hansell assumes this week the role of Douglas in Monte Cristo at the Academy of Music.

French's New Sensation, a water pavilion attraction, was burned on Nov. 5, about thirty miles above Baton Rouge, La., during a performance. All escaped unhurt, except the pilot, who had his leg broken. J. McNeil was in charge of the boat. Mr. and Mrs. French being in Europe. The actors and actresses lost all they had, over \$5,000, the safe was burned. The total loss is over \$30,000. The whole company is in Baton Rouge, where the Elks are arranging a benefit for them.

John H. Browne, formerly a member of Nat C. Goodwin's company, is dangerously ill at St. Luke's Hospital, in this city, with consumption.

Helaine Hadley has returned to town, owing to the closing of Kidnapped, in which she played the leading female role, at Camden, N. J., on Saturday.

Alfred E. Arons announced last week that he had secured the sole control of the Savoy Theatre from David Henderson, and a settlement to this end was said to have been made.

MUSIC NOTES.

Florence Gade gave an exceedingly enjoyable piano recital at New York's Metropolitan Hall, assisted by the Knickerbocker. Miss Gade scored an honest success by displaying a great deal of talent and an utter absence of affectation, a combination lamentably scarce in musicians.

At the Metropolitan opera house on Sunday night, Strauss gave his second concert in that building, near as exact a seat of which was occupied, and all of the standing room being taken up. The programme comprised nine numbers, five of which "Are Verum" (Mozart), "Andra's Dance" from "Der Gaius" (Grieg), "Rach's and Paganini's from Ballet (Schubert), "Paganini's from Ballet (Schubert), and "Idylle" (Schubert), were recommended. Two waltzes, "Morning Journals" (Johann Strauss), and "Forest Tales" (Johann Strauss), respectively received an encore, a strictly musical and the famous "On the Blue Danube." The opening selection was "The Queen's Lullaby" (Strauss), overture of Johann Strauss, and the concluding one a Mexican Schemata (Strauss), the latter being followed by a double encore, which two waltzes were given for good measure. 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THEATRES AND MUSIC HALLS.

Tony Pastor's.

The Russell Brothers head the list in a new sketch, written for them by George M. Cohan. The others are the three Gardner Brothers, musical comedy trio; the two Fantasi, eccentrics; McBride and Goodrich, comedy duo; Lucia Lane, comedienne; Jess Vernon, ventriloquist; Rossley and Kestelle, in The Widow's Courtship; Ellene Jacqui, vocalist; Cogan and Bacon, in The Trump's Visit; Humes and Lewis, acrobats; Tommy and Laura Harris, in A Country Lawyer; Mitchell and Berwick, conjurers, and the vitagraph.

Keith's Union Square.

The list of entertainers this week includes Kara, the European juggler; the three Yoscarys, acrobats (second week); Gracie Emmett, assisted by Gertrude A. Lovering and others, in a new sketch called Mrs. Murphy's Second Husband; Tom Lewis and Sam J. Ryan, jesters; the Review Comedy Four; the Allisona, dancers; Horace Gordin, magician; the Randalles, acrobatic duo; Polk and Kollins, banjoists; Manning and Davis, in The Irish Farce; Hamilton Hill, baritone; Lester and Jernon, comedians; Signor Maceo and his dog, "Chicago"; Hayman and Hayman, the two Hebrews; and Newell, Chiniquilla and Puncello, instrumental specialties. The biograph and stereopticon are retained.

Proctor's 125th Street.

J. E. Dodson and his own company in Richelieu's Stratagem head a bill that embraces Charles E. Sweet, musical burlesque; the Seven Red Birds in The Morning After the Ball; Davenport Brothers, comedy acrobats; three Schuyler Sisters, singing trio; Gallardo, clay modeler; James and Bonnie Farley, comedy duo; Gloss Brothers, gladiatorial posers; Sophie Burman, vocalist; Giaretta's birds; Ed Rogers, dancer, and the kalatechnoscope.

Proctor's Palace, Fifty-eighth Street.

Ugo Biondi, the European change artist, heads the bill. Nick Long and Idaline Cotton make their reappearance in a new sketch. Other features are Alcide Capitaine, gymnast; John E. Camp, humorist; Binns and Binns, musical comedians; Post and Clinton, comedy duo; Sisson and Wallace, farcical team; Bennett and Young, song illustrators; George Sisters, singers and dancers; John R. Hart, comic juggler; the kalatechnoscope and travel views.

Proctor's Fifth Avenue.

Lafayette, the versatile; Della Fox, comedienne, and Papinta, the dancer, share the headline honors this week. Others are Walter Le Roy and Florence Clayton, in Hogan of the Hanson; Williams and Tucker, in Skinny's Finish; Gus Williams, German comedian; the Maginleys, acrobats; Maud Meredith, comedienne; the Avers, Reed's acrobatic bull terriers, the kalatechnoscope, the Barrows, and Charles G. Seymour.

Proctor's Twenty-third Street.

Pauline Hall is the bright particular star of a list that includes John C. Rice and Sally Cohen in The Kieptomaniacs; Charles T. Aldrich, juggling comedian; James J. Morton, monologist; Smith and Carleton in The Hoodoo; La Petite Elsie, mimic; Smith, Doty and Coe, musical comedy; Belle Hathaway's monkeys; Three Westons, musical act; Frank and Don, comedians; Brennan and Sinnott in The Irish Minstrel; and the kalatechnoscope.

Koster and Bial's.

The entertainers this week are the Rosow Midgots; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Brew, comedy artists; Morris' ponies; Johnstone Brothers, cyclists; Juan Calcedo, wire performer; Press Edridge, comedienne; O'Brien and Havel, acrobatic comedy; Charlie Rosow, midget comedian; Stinson and Morton, comedy duo; James Richmond Glenroy, Irish comedian; Julian Rose, Hebrew parodist; Anderson Sisters, comedienne; Rita Redmond, soprano, and the Three Willards.

New York.

The bill includes the burlesque Neil-Go-In, Marwig ballet and the following olio: Julius Perotti, Ika Kossuth, Les Dumonts, George Fuller Golden, Mlle. Lotty, Belle Bucklin, Pat Rooney and Mayme Gehrue, Emma Carus, Blockson and Burns, Billy Link, the Eight Muscottes, and the Colinas.

Hurtig and Seamon's.

Henry Lee, in his impersonations, heads a list that includes "Jess" Dandy, Hebrew parodist; Ernest Hogan, "the unbleached American"; Mlle. Tagliore, in a new series of dances; Rosalia Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Budworth, Montague and West, Halliday and Quinn, and Fuller, Moller and Burke.

Weber and Fields.

The success of Fiddle Dee Dee and the burlesque of Arizona makes a change of bill unnecessary; Lillian Russell, Fay Tompkins, Hopper, Ross, Warfield, Kelly and Weber and Fields are still in the cast.

THE BURLESQUE HOUSES.

MINER'S BOWERY.—A New York Girl is the week's bill.

LONDON.—The Rose Hill English Folly company provide the week's entertainment.

MINER'S EIGHTH AVENUE.—Sam T. Jack's Own company are amusing the Westsiders.

OLYMPIC.—Roble's Knickerbockers are on the card in Harlem.

DEWEY.—Mince and Fulton's Jolly Grass Widows company is this week's attraction. The Widow's Wedding Night and The Sign of the Red Light are the burlesques, and the olio includes Paula and Duke, Imperial Trio, Lorenz and Allen, Gusie, Vinton, Howard and Moore, and Fyne and Bandy.

LAST WEEK'S BILLS.

KEITH'S UNION SQUARE.—Al Bellman and Lottie Moore held the big type position on the bill. They have been appearing in Australia for several years past, and it is said met with great success in that far-off land. They presented a sketch called At the Masquerade. Any other name would have done just as well for it, as it is simply an excuse for the introduction of singing, dancing and funmaking. Mr. Bellman's voice is as strong and deep as ever, but he does not show it enough. A good, stirring solo by him would strengthen the act greatly. Miss Moore sang and danced in pleasing fashion, and the act wound up with an imitation of a pair of East Side "spicers" that won the team a hearty recall. The three Yoscarys presented a marvelous acrobatic specialty, in which they did some feats not attempted by other gymnasts. The fact that they introduce comedy into their act does not detract from the startling effect of some of their "stunts." Charles T. Aldrich, with his quaint and original tricks, kept the house in rous. The production of a red-hot stove in his imitation of Ching Ling Foo, brought down the house. Josephine Gassman sang several of the latest oddities in the con-song line, and, assisted by her very "cute" pickaninnies, scored a distinct hit. One of the very best acts on the bill was that of Sie Hassan Ben Ali's Toozoonin Arabs. In addition to the usual feats of strength and agility there was a really remarkable juggling performance by one of the members of the troupe. Most of his work was done with two bowls of water, placed in wire holders at the ends of a stout cord. He moved with the rapidity of a whirling dervish, and swung the bowls about his head in a series of evolutions that fairly electrified those who appreciate a difficult feat. He accomplished all this without spilling a drop of the water and with much grace and dexterity. The act of the Toozoonin Arabs as a whole is about the best of its kind ever seen here. Lew Sully, the merry minstrel, was in fine form and made all kinds of hits with his breezy monologue. He is a sort of cross between Lew Hockstader and Ezra Kendall, and his work is worthy of all praise. Maxwell and Simpson, who are favorites here, introduced some new songs, including "No One Brings Presents to Me" and "Beneath the Evening Star," both of which were well received. Mr. Maxwell retains his old fire song, which always seems to find favor. He was in excellent voice and has improved in his method of singing since he was last seen here. Others in the bill were the Dillon Brothers, Flatt and Sutherland, Sheridan and Flanagan, Javale, and Tenge and Iannella. The biograph and views were shown as usual.

PROCTOR'S PALACE.—The amusing antics of Lockhart's baby elephants kept the house in good humor for nearly half an hour. Wright Huntington, assisted by W. S. St. Clair and Jane Irving, made a hit in A Stolen Kiss. Smith and Campbell stood close to the footlights and hit the mark every time with their battery of witticisms. The seven Red Birds in Dave Reed, Jr.'s, skit, The Morning After the Ball, scored their usual success. Reed's new song, "Cindy," was redemanded several times. W. H. Murphy and Minnie Allen, in Clayton Wilsbach's funny farcette, The Bifurcated Girl, succeeded in winning plenty of laughs. The three Lukens Brothers presented their very startling acrobatic specialty. La Petite Elsie, with her imitations, won hearty applause and encores. She is improving all the time and is growing constantly in popular favor. C. E. Hodgett, the quaint exponent of the game of Chinese billiards; Gloss Brothers, posers; the three De Kimey Sisters, Chris Green, the kalatechnoscope and travel views were also in the bill.

PROCTOR'S TWENTY-THIRD STREET.—J. E. Dodson, in the one-act play, Richelieu's Stratagem, repeated the hit he made on the occasion of his debut week before last at the Fifth Avenue. Mr. Dodson's portrayal of the crafty Cardinal is one that should be seen by all lovers of good acting. The fact that he has scored such a hit is proof positive that the patrons of vaudeville are only too willing to give their approval to players of the highest class, provided they appear in a play that is worth seeing. Lafayette was seen here for the first time since his great success at the London Hippodrome, and it is needless to say scored an emphatic hit with his novel and amusing entertainment, in which he does a little of everything, including a very amusing travesty of Ching Ling Foo. Lafayette is as quick as a flash, and his audiences are just as quick in approving of his work. The laughing hit of the bill was made by Eva Williams and Jack Tucker, in George Taggart's version of Skinny's Finish. Both players were at their best, and they kept the house in a constant roar all the time they were on the boards. Skinny's Finish has lost none of its attractiveness, and one never wears of praising the natural and pleasing work of talented Eva Williams, as well as the more boisterous fun furnished by Jack Tucker. Gus Williams and his megaphone were well to the fore in the laugh-getting line, and his political gags evoked much applause. Alcide Capitaine, "the perfect woman," was applauded liberally for her exhibition of grace and strength. Binns and Binns, the musical tramps; De Witt and Burns, clever eccentrics; Maud Meredith, in ballads; J. W. Bingham, ventriloquist; the Avers, Barrett and Learned, Bennett and Young, the kalatechnoscope and travel views were the other features of a more than usually good bill.

PROCTOR'S FIFTH AVENUE.—Papinta repeated her previous successes and charmed every one with her wonderful dances. James O. Barrows, John Lancaster and company were seen to great advantage in the delightful comedietta, Tactics. Angela McNeill was charming in the ingenu role, and John F. Weber was excellent as the old Northern soldier. Canfield and Carleton were irresistibly amusing in The Hoodoo. James J. Morton talked in his own quiet but effective way and succeeded in raising a good many laughs. Smith, Doty and Coe won plenty of encores with their refined musical specialty. They were particularly successful with Mr. Doty's compositions, others who did pleasing acts were John R. Hart, Fred Howard, Belle Hathaway and her animals, Sisson and Wallace, the three Schuyler Sisters, Armstrong Brothers, and Brennan and Sinnott. The kalatechnoscope and views were shown as usual.

TONY PASTOR'S.—The bill was headed by Joe Welch, whose popularity with the patrons of Pastor's is unbounded. He had some new remarks which brought down the house, and the story of his misfortunes, as usual, kept the audience in fine humor. Artie Hall, another pet of Mr. Pastor's clientele, made her first appearance since her illness with "prima donna's sore throat," and scored the emphatic hit she always

does at this house. She was full of glister and go, and her songs caught on in fine style. "I Don't Care what Happens to Me Now," her own song, and "I'm Certainly Livin' a Rag-Time Life," by E. S. Roberts, were especially well received. Belle Stewart managed to make out quite well all by her own little self, and though the smiling face of her sister May was missed, Belle succeeded in capturing several plaudits. Irving Jones made his reappearance in the continuous, and sang some new songs. John E. Brew talked and danced in a way that won him encores. The two Lamonts did some excellent acrobatic work. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Barrow did their interesting smoke picture specialty. Fiske and McDonough played a return engagement in Willie and the Baby and were well received. Fetching Brothers, Frank and Don, Howard and Linder, Hepner, magician; Donovan and Morris, and the vitagraph were also in the bill.

PROCTOR'S 125TH STREET.—Ugo Biondi, the protean artist, after an absence of several years, began his second American tour at this house last week. He appeared in a comedy-drama entitled Scandal in a Restaurant. The piece gave him an opportunity to impersonate six characters, four men and two women, each of whom make many entrances and exits. Biondi's rapid changes and remarkable versatility were bewildering at times. He finished his performance with some clever impersonations of celebrated composers in the act of conducting. In a word, Biondi "made good." Henri French, blithely confident and contemptuous of the difficult, as usual, was the recipient of a great deal of genuine and well-deserved applause. Ruth and Rudi did a number of things provocative of laughter. William W. Windom and his Blackstone Quartette sang most satisfactorily. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Litchfield made a hit with their realistic bit of ruralism, Down at Brook Farm.

cause even the most blasé theatergoer to enjoy himself, while he is watching the efforts of the members of the all-star stock company.

NEW YORK.—The burlesque, Neil-Go-In, the elaborate ballet, and the olio mentioned in last week's Mirror, continued as the attraction.

The Burlesque Houses.

MINER'S BOWERY.—The American Burlesquers, headed by W. B. Watson and Jeanette Dupre, entertained last week.

LONDON.—Hurtig and Seamon's The Social Maids provided the week's bill.

MINER'S EIGHTH AVENUE.—Harry Bryant's Australian Burlesquers offered the week's programme.

OLYMPIC.—The Sappho Burlesquers put in the week in Harlem.

DEWEY.—The Broadway Burlesquers, headed by Harry Le Clair, pleased a series of large houses throughout the week. The opening burlesque, The Birds in a Gilded Cage, written by Loney Haskell, affords the various members of the company opportunities to show to advantage. In the olio, Harry Le Clair in his artistic impersonations, Bailey and Hilton, Lillian Le Roy, Stanley and Jarvis, Carver and Pollard, Ray and Benedetto, and Loney Haskell worked hard to keep the ball of fun in motion. The afterpiece, A Whining Woman, is well costumed and mounted and the chorus is above the average.

EDDIE GIRARD AND JESSIE GARDNER.

Eddie Girard and Jessie Gardner, whose pictures appear elsewhere in this issue, have been meeting with great success in vaudeville this season. Mr. Girard's reputation as a fun-maker



EDDIE GIRARD AND JESSIE GARDNER.

The Beverge Sisters sang and danced; Millie Scott took a flyer on the rings; Frederick Howard, Marsh and Sartella, Post and Clinton, Lawson and Namon, the views of travel, the kalatechnoscope and Hoffman's singing novelty completed the bill.

KOSTER AND BIAL'S.—One of the best numbers on the bill was that of Juan Calcedo, whose work on the elastic wire aroused the enthusiasm of the audience to a high pitch. The Schlikers and their five little Archipelagians made their first appearance in New York. Their act consists of several dances executed gracefully by Mr. Schlik, and some con songs sung by his wife, assisted by the five little black boys. Special scenic and electrical effects are used, and the act made a very good impression. Bainty and pretty as a picture was Violet Hollis, who sang several songs most charmingly. In addition to her talent, Miss Hollis is the possessor of the prettiest foot on the vaudeville stage. Ralph Johnson, the bicyclist, who is now going it alone, scored a most emphatic hit with his exhibition of skill and daring. Wood and Shepard are not as good as the original team of that name, by any means, but they made a fair hit. John W. Ransome continued to amuse with his political stuff, which he had to adjust after the election. Bessie Taylor, Hickey sang some songs in a deep, contralto very neatly. Harris and Walters were fairly amusing in their comedy sketch. A good comedy acrobatic act was furnished by the Rice Brothers, others who appeared were John W. West and Harry Ferguson, Bartelle and Morris, Anderson Sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Deaves and their marionettes, and Spaulding, the jumper. Will H. Hickey led the orchestra with much success.

HURTIG AND SEAMON'S.—Charles Vance sang con songs as only she can sing them. The Russell Brothers kept the audience in screams during the time they were on the stage. Fay and Clark, who are favorites here, were warmly greeted. Melville and Statton's efforts were applauded. Fiske and Ward's comedy won them sustained applause, and Leon Morris and his ponies made a hit.

WEBER AND FIELDS.—Several new gags and bits of business were introduced last week in Fiddle Dee Dee and Arizona, to the great delight of large and appreciative audiences. The stupor and glister of the performances at this house

was firmly established when he toured with Henry V. Donnelly in Natural Gas, which kept the whole country in good humor for several years. His admirers have followed his work in vaudeville with renewed interest, and he has "made good" with the patrons of this popular form of amusement. His partner, Miss Gardner, is a bright, vivacious little woman, who acts as an excellent foil for Mr. Girard. Their sketch, The Sourette and the Cop, has made a hit everywhere it has been seen.

On Oct. 29, when they began their second week at the Orpheum, Los Angeles, Cal., they produced a new act, called The Misadventures, which scored an immediate and emphatic success with the public and was highly praised by the press.

Mr. Girard and Miss Gardner are on their way East. They open on Sunday at the Columbia Theatre, Cincinnati, O., and will play the principal cities until Christmas, when they will return to New York, to present their new sketch for the approval of audiences in the metropolis.

DEATH OF MINNIE SCHULT-HUBER.

Mrs. George H. Huber, wife of the well-known museum proprietor, of this city, who before her marriage was known as Minnie Schult and was a popular vocalist on the vaudeville stage, died at her residence in this city on Monday, Nov. 5. Her death resulted from an operation which had been performed two days previously.

Mrs. Huber was the daughter of Colonel Magnus Schult, the old-time circus man. When she was sixteen years of age she made her debut as a singer at Zipp's Casino, on Elm Place, Brooklyn, and won such favor that she was retained at the same establishment for five years. The patrons of the Casino never seemed to tire of listening to her, as she was marvelously quick at learning new songs, and changed her repertoire almost every week. She was particularly successful in introducing the compositions of the late Harry Kennedy, and many of his songs were made popular by her. It is said that she sang at 2,100 consecutive performances at this house. Mr. Huber, who was then the proprietor of Zipp's Casino, fell in love with the young singer, and they were married when she became of age. Since her marriage Mrs. Huber had sung infrequently in public, preferring the pleasures of her home. She had about four years ago, and since that time

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JAS. F. IDA

DOLAN AND LENHARR

The Evening Post (Monday, Oct. 29, 1900).—James Dolan and Ida Lenharr presented a sketch last night at the Orpheum which won for them the first honors of the new bill. It is entitled A Big Forest Burglar, and it is undoubtedly one of the funniest things of its kind ever witnessed at the great house of vaudeville. While the spectators were not laughing they were applauding.

and several friends at private entertainments and at the club. She had a circle of friends, who loved her and who for her many qualities of mind and heart, and for her many qualities of character and personality, and those whom she loved and who loved her. The funeral took place from her home on Wednesday last and was largely attended.

A NOTABLE ENGAGEMENT.

B. F. Keith has made another notable engagement for his circuit. Mrs. Katherine Bloodgood, the contralto, has signed a contract to open at the Union Square on Nov. 19. Mrs. Bloodgood is a well-known singer in oratorio and concert work. During the past four seasons she has sung with the New York Glee Club, at the Worcester Festivals, with the Knickerbocker Quartet, and at innumerable high-class concerts. Her appearance in vaudeville will undoubtedly attract lovers of good music, who may never have thought of visiting a vaudeville house, and Mr. Keith has once more shown his perspicacity and good judgment by adding Mrs. Bloodgood's name to the already long list of prominent artists who have entered the continuous under his direction.

A PROBLEM SOLVED.

John T. Fynes had a ticklish job on his hands when he tried to fix up the advertisement of the Fifth Avenue Theatre for last Sunday's paper. The bill included Lafayette, Papina, and Della Fox, each of whom insists on being featured above everybody else. Mr. Fynes solved the problem by placing the names in vertical lines, so that people had to spell the names out.

The "ad" looked like a puzzle gotten up for a prize competition, as by reading it across the page, one was led to believe that the stars of the bill were "L. P. D., A. A. B., F. P. L., A. I. L., Y. N. A. B. T., T. A. F., T. O." and "E. N."

The life of the manager who tries to give his patrons a bill of stars is not a bed of roses by any means.

OLD FRONT STREET THEATRE SOLD.

The old Front Street Theatre, Baltimore, was sold a few days ago to George A. Wegfarth, of Buffalo, who will remodel it and reopen it as a vaudeville house. It has been closed since December 27, 1895, when a false alarm of fire caused the death of twenty-three persons. The present house was built in 1828, after the original theatre, built in 1829, had been burned. Among the stars who played there were Macready, Junny Lind, Adelle Anderson, the elder Booth, Charlotte Cushman, and Barton. The late Col. W. E. Sinn conducted the house as a variety theatre in 1870.

MRS. POTTER IN VAUDEVILLE.

News comes from London to the effect that Mrs. James Brown Potter has been engaged by Manager Charles Morton, of the Palace Music Hall, to give a programme of recitations. Her engagement will begin early in January, and it is said that most of her selections will be from the poems of Ella Wheeler Wilcox. Her salary will be \$200 (\$450) per week. It has not been announced that she will repeat the experiment in America, but she will probably receive flattering offers from vaudeville managers on this side of the water.

CONCERTS AT THE AMERICAN.

A series of concerts was inaugurated at the American Theatre on Sunday evening last which will be continued throughout the winter. With the Proctor houses, the Grand, Star, New York, American and Jersey open for Sunday night entertainments, the sector after amusement on the Sabbath should have no trouble in finding something to his taste. Performers who have gained specialties will reap a harvest owing to the competition between managers for their services.

CORINNE REMAINS IN VAUDEVILLE.

Corinne has decided to remain in vaudeville until the end of July, 1901, as she has been booked until that time by Robert Grau. She is constantly in receipt of letters from out-of-town managers, asking her if she intends to resume her starring tour with her own company, but she has found vaudeville so pleasant and remunerative that she will stick to it for the rest of this season, at least.

FIRE AT THE BON-TON.

A fire started in the basement of the Bon-Ton Music Hall, formerly Koster and Bial's, on Twenty-third Street, on Sunday afternoon last. The Eagles, whose lodge-room is in the building, were in session and made a hasty and undignified flight to the street, headed by Senator Timothy D. Sullivan and Peter F. Duiley, who did not turn a feather in the excitement. The fire was quickly extinguished after doing \$500 damage.

NEW HOUSE IN TOLEDO.

John A. Wise, of Lafayette, Ind., has leased the Seyfang Block, on Market Street, Toledo, and is remodeling it at an expense of \$6,000 for use as a vaudeville house. A hotel, in which performers will be boarded, will be run in connection with the theatre.

VAUDEVILLE JOTTINGS.

Dan McKelrick, of New York city, journeyed to Louisville to witness the McGovern-Bernie fight, as the guest of Harry Walters and Sam Harris. Through an error in the programme the names of John F. McGovern and Angela McGovern did not appear in the cast of the sketch tactics, at Proctor's Fifth Avenue last week.

Red and Berger, vaudeville feature with the Jossy Stock co., will retire from the co. and will spend the winter in Phoenix, Ariz., and San Jose, Cal.

A letter to THE MIRROR from London contains news of the serious illness of Pauline Moran, who has been appearing at the Alhambra with Turner's pickaninies. The letter states that Miss Moran was not expected to live, but that she was receiving the best of care from her many friends.

Mrs. Jack E. Magee (Gloria Dale) is seriously ill at the King's Daughters' Hospital at Madison, Ind. Mr. Magee is still with the co. and looks forward to her safe and speedy return.

"Jake" Rosenthal reports that Mince's Trocadero in Omaha is continuing its successful career. Two performances were given on election night and returns were read from the stage. The daily matinees are a great success.

Joe Dillon and Fannie Garland are in their fifth week with the Alma Chester co., doing responsible parts and specialties.

Donald Harold writes that he was not with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Dowling when they played Koster and Bial's. He was with the co. only one week, and his name must have appeared in the programme through an error.

Harold and Doodles are in their eighth week with the Alma Chester co. and are meeting with success. Their programme is a week for the end-of-the-world. The cast will include Doodles, Harry Brown, Mayon, Attale, Chire, Jean Caske, George, and a large chorus.

Nora Lovelace, a member of the ballet at the New York, finished on the stage and dancing last week. The house was full, and she was a big hit. She was with the co. only one week, and her name must have appeared in the programme through an error.

Sweet Jessamine is the title of a new sketch, to be presented as part of the bill at the New York on Nov. 19. The cast will include Doodles, Harry Brown, Mayon, Attale, Chire, Jean Caske, George, and a large chorus.

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Another operation on Yvette Gilbert's throat has been found necessary. It is reported that her condition is serious.

The vaudeville experiment at the Duquesne, Pittsburgh, is proving very successful.

The third annual benefit of Local No. 23, N. A. T. S. E., took place at the Lyceum, Los Angeles, Cal., on Nov. 2. The affair was a great success in every way. The bill included the Twin Sisters Hale, the Willis Family, Edith Girard and Jessie Gardner, Ranche, Edgar Atchison-Ely, the Great Everhart, Tom Naven and co., and the biograph. The members of the society gave an exhibition of the method of setting a scene.

Manager Harry W. Williams and Joseph T. Speer, of Pittsburgh, spent Nov. 8 in Cleveland, O., looking over the several sites submitted by Cleveland real estate dealers. Three selections were made, but just which one of these will be accepted is not yet known.

Jessie Bartlett-Davis is having a one-act operetta written, which she will present at Gloucester, Mass.; Elmira and Buffalo, N. Y., and Chicago, Ill.

David E. Eiden and Henrietta Herold are rehearsing a new sketch, which they will present at Gloucester, Mass.; Elmira and Buffalo, N. Y., and Chicago, Ill.

Frank G. Mack, who has successfully managed the Savoy, at Lowell, Mass., for the past two years, resigned on Oct. 29. Charles F. Dempsey is conducting the house as business manager.

Pliny T. Rutledge and Mary Condon will be seen in vaudeville next summer, opening in the East.

J. J. DeWolf, who has had charge of Mildred and Doodles' affairs for the past three seasons, has left to join hands with A. F. Blakeslee in a minstrel company. Mr. DeWolf's adopted son "Dandy" leaves for Elmira, N. Y., to join his father.

William T. Talbot and Abbott Davidson have been meeting with success in their new operetta travesty, "The House of the Rising Sun," at the Grand Opera House, Philadelphia.

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Although Elsie's pantomime is only suggestive of the original, she is very successful in the more difficult feature of imitation, the reproduction of voice. In her Anna Held and Dan Dudy impersonations especially, her voice was in each case wonderfully like the entirely different tones of the originals, so much so that listening with closed eyes the deception was practically perfect."

I really should like to buy her an ice cream soda just to find out what her private opinion of ice cream soda is. Would she serve it as a youthful frivolity?—Boston "Journal," Oct. 13, 1900.

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BALTIMORE. **MUSE.**—Gem (William Crawford, manager): Week 5 performance and attendance satisfactory. Mack and Roberts, Little Burt, Wythe and Sunford, Lillie Mae, George Le Claire, Minnie Cunibelli, and the biograph were in the bill.

BIRMINGHAM. **N. Y.**—Lycium (Alf. C. Herdington, manager): Wine, Women and Song was very well patronized Oct. 23-24. Excellent satisfaction. The Cracker Jacks 5-7. Sam T. Jack's co. 9-10. Hurtig and Seamon's A Social Maid 12-14.

CHICAGO. **MUSE.**—Dewey (George La Furr, manager): Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shaw, Warren and Howard, Hilda Orme, McKay and Wayett, and Armstrong and Potter drew well 5-10.

CHICAGO CITY. **ONE.**—Story (George Miller, manager): Cast came as last week, with the exception of one new entertainer, Gertie Stevens. Attendance good.

ATLANTA, GA.—Imperial (Wily Williams, manager): Business has been fair week 5. New co. 12.

DATES AHEAD.

(Received too late for classification.)

A MYSTERY'S WOMAN (Leon Washburn, mgr.): Catskill, N. Y., Nov. 17, Kingston 18, Saugerties 20, Rhinebeck 21, Philmont 22, Bn. St. Barrington, Mass., 23.

A RIDE FOR LOVE (J. D. Bernstein, mgr.): Cohoes, N. Y., Nov. 14, Ilion 15, Rome 16, Bouville 17, Otawa, Ont., 18-23.

A TEN SOLDIER: Fostoria, O., Nov. 13, Fremont 14 Toledo, O., 15-17, Springfield 19.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 12-17, Chicago, Ill., 19-24, Detroit, Mich., 25-Dec. 1.

DOWDY'S S. 2000. Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 10-23.
 DRY CROCKETT: Danville, Ill., Nov. 13, Nobles-
 ville, Ind., 15, Kokomo 16, Elwood 17, Anderson 19
 Richmond 20.
 FALES, CHAS. T., COMEDY: Brooklyn, Ia., Nov.
 12-15.
 GEIMES' CELLAR DOOR: E. Chicago, Ind., Nov. 18.
 Michigan City 19, Niles, Mich., 20, Marshall 21.
 GEORGE: E. Chicago, Ind., 12, Laport 23.
 HOLLAND, MELBERG: Amsterdam, N. Y., Nov. 1.
 Troy 21, 23.
 KNOWS OF TENNESSEE (Jms. H. Browne, mgr.):
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 Roy 17, Princeton 19, Canton 21, Pekin 22, Pontian-
 23, Ottawa 24.
 McHENRY, NELLIE (Miss): Philadelphia, Pa., Nov.
 19-21.
 MCGEE'S SON'S, BELLE, MINSTRELS: Lima, Ohio,
 S. Nov. 14, Bridge-water 15, Bridge-town 16, An-
 napolis 17, Yarmouth 19, 20.
 MURPHY, TIM (Fred G. Berger, mgr.): Wheeling,
 Ill., Nov. 14, Newark 15, Marion, Ind., 16, Lima, 6.
 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24.
 OLD PAN TUCKER: Superior, Neb., Nov. 13, Belle-
 ville, Kan., 14, Concordia 15, Abilene 16, Junction
 City 17, St. Mary's 18, Manhattan 19.
 PALMER'S SONS: Orangeburg, S. C., Nov. 12-14.
 Richmond 15-17.
 PRATT, ARLINGTON: Chandler, Okl. Terr., Nov. 12-17.
 PRINCE AND JACK STALKER: Kansas City, Mo.,
 Nov. 11-17, Sedalia 18, Leavenworth, Kan., 19.
 RAY, J. W. (J. W. Ray, mgr.): Chicago, Ill., Nov. 1.
 Iola 11, Nov. 13, Laport City 14, Vinton 15, Tama
 16, Anamosa 17, Oxford Junction 19.
 REHAN, ADA: Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 26-Dec. 1.
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 McGr., S.): Savannah, Ga., Nov. 17, Charleston
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